



This undated photo provided by WBNS-10TV on Friday, Nov. 12, 2010, shows Stephanie Sprang. Blood was found in the home of a missing woman and her two children, whose disappearance along with her friend led to a lockdown at a collage near where her pickup truck was spotted, a sheriff said Friday.

(AP Photo)

## Bodies found in Ohio near where 3 missing lived

MOUNT VERNON, Ohio — An official in rural central Ohio where a mother, her young son and a family friend disappeared more than a week ago say bodies have been found in the area.

Knox County coroner Jennifer Ogle told The Mount Vernon News on Thursday that bodies were found, but the report does not say whether it's the bodies of the three who have been missing since Nov. 10. The mother's 13-year-old daughter, who also disappeared, was found bound and gagged in the basement of a house about 10 miles from their home Saturday. A 30-year-old unemployed man who spent six years in a Colorado prison is charged with kidnapping the girl. The Knox County sheriff has scheduled a news conference for Thursday afternoon. □



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## Sweden to issue int'l warrant for Assange

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STOCKHOLM (AP) —

Swedish prosecutors said they will seek an international arrest warrant for WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange after a court approved their request Thursday to detain him for questioning in a rape case.

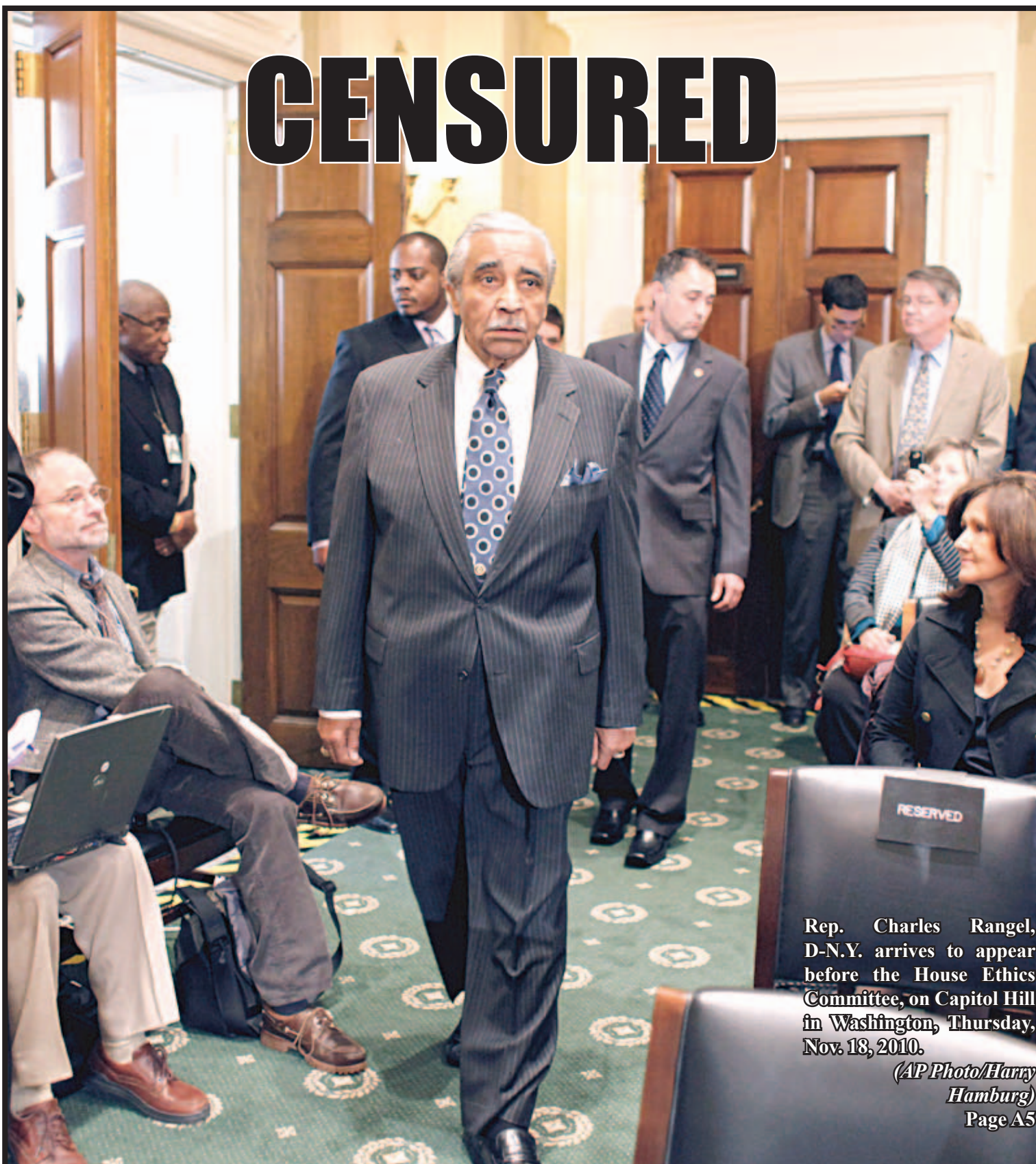
Wikileaks founder Julian Assange speaks about the United States and the human rights during a press conference at the Geneva press club in Geneva, Switzerland, Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010.

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Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y. arrives to appear before the House Ethics Committee, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010.

(AP Photo/Harry Hamburg)

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# Obama admin defends use of courts in terror cases



**FILE** - An undated file photo provided by the U.S. District Attorney's office shows Ahmed Khalifan Ghailani. Ghailani, the first Guantanamo detainee to face a civilian trial, has been acquitted in New York City of all but one charge accusing him of a deadly 1998 plot to bomb two U.S. embassies in Africa.

(AP Photo/File)

By PETE YOST,  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration said Thursday that it is committed to trying some terrorism suspects in civilian courts, although a jury in New York acquitted a bombing defendant on more than 280 charges while convicting him on just one. The administration will use “all the tools at our disposal” to try Guantanamo Bay detainees, White House press secretary Robert Gibbs told reporters. Justice Department spokesman Matthew Miller described the outcome in the case against Ahmed Ghailani as “another in a long line of verdicts where federal civilian courts have shown the ability to deliver fair trials and long sentences.” Ghailani was convicted of conspiring in al-Qaida’s 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa and faces a sentence of 20 years to life behind bars. Miller said the U.S. government will seek the maximum punishment. The case is significant because some have viewed it as a test of the challenges involved in trying a terrorist suspect in a civilian court.

Attorney General Eric Holder’s plan to try avowed 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and four others in New York was put on hold and is considered all but dead because of opposition in Congress and in New York based on security and other concerns. Those five remain at the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba while the administration ponders its next move in their case.

Miller told reporters that the administration will continue to rely on a combination of civilian courts

and military commissions.

“We make those decisions based on facts, based on the law,” he said. “And we’ll continue to work through that with the detainees who are still at Guantanamo.” Miller did not discuss how any specific detainee would be handled.

Gibbs said decisions would have to be made on Guantanamo detainees. In Ghailani’s case, “there was a guilty verdict, a minimum sentence of 20 years that incapacitates somebody that has committed a terrorist act and, because of that incapacitation, isn’t going to threaten American lives,” Gibbs said.

Both President Barack Obama and Holder avoided discussing detainee trials as they made brief appearances Thursday devoted to other topics. Reporters were brought briefly as Obama spoke to a meeting on a nuclear weapons treaty in the White House Roosevelt Room. Holder spoke to Justice Department employees at a veterans ceremony.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, a South Carolina Republican who is seen as key to any deal over Obama’s plan to close Guantanamo, was Holder’s guest at the Justice Department event. The senator told reporters afterward that top-level al-Qaida suspects should not be tried in civilian courts. Trying lower-level operatives in civilian courts “makes sense to me,” said Graham.

Graham added: “I’m going to have my hands full holding back” some fellow Republicans who want to rule out the use of civilian courts altogether to try terrorist suspects. “That would be a bridge too far for me,” said Graham. □



SALEM, Ore. — Oregon’s state mental hospital gained attention as the filming site for a movie about psychiatric abuses “One Flew Over The Cuckoo’s Nest” and as a place where real abuses have occurred.

State officials are hoping to begin a new chapter Thursday when they unveil part of a new hospital to replace most of the decrepit building made famous in the movie. Patients will begin moving in early next year. The old crumbling hospital had toxic paint, asbestos and a leaky roof. Forty percent of it was unusable, left to rot and collect piles of pigeon droppings.

“You can see the place where they showered. You can see their scratchings on the wall,” said Oregon Senate President Peter Courtney, a Democrat who helped get money for the new hospital after touring the old one in 2004. “They lived there. And then often people forgot them. They just took them there and it was over.”

In its place is a hospital designed to facilitate modern theories in mental health treatment, trying to mimic as much as possible daily life outside the institution. One area resembles a city’s downtown and will allow patients to wander between a store, post office, bank,

hair salon, gymnasium and library, along with classrooms, an art therapy room and group activity rooms.

Group treatment rooms are smaller so health providers have a manageable number of patients. Six acres of outdoor space will give patients more access to fresh air.

Along with the upgraded facilities, the hospital is hiring new staff and stepping up care to its patients, almost all of whom are involuntarily committed by a judge.

All patients will be required to get at least 20 hours per week of treatment. They won’t have access to bedrooms or televisions during the day, hopefully encouraging them to take part in their treatment, officials say.

Meals will be cooked no more than a day before they’re served; they’re currently cooked and chilled three days ahead of time.

All the changes upgrade a facility that just two years ago was the subject of a scathing report by the U.S.

Department of Justice. Federal investigators found mice in rooms at Oregon State Hospital, deaths from pneumonia and outbreaks of scabies, along with nearly 400 cases of patient-against-patient assault over one year. One patient had been in seclusion for a year with no other treatment. Another patient with a condition that causes excessive thirst was left at a water fountain and gained 13 pounds in water weight in one day.

The Oregonian newspaper in Portland has reported extensively on abuses in the hospital, including the death last year of a 42-year-old man who succumbed to a heart attack in his bed hours before anyone found his body. Nobody checked on him even though he’d missed two meals and didn’t show up for his medicine.

Although “Cuckoo’s Nest” was filmed here, neither the movie nor the 1962 Ken Kesey novel on which it was based makes any specific references to Oregon State

Hospital. Kesey drew on his experiences working at a veterans hospital in Palo Alto, Calif., and set his satirical story at an unnamed institution in Oregon.

For all the attention the move brought to abuses at mental health institutions, it was 30 years before enough support galvanized to demolish and rebuild Salem’s decaying shrine to psychiatry’s dark history.

It wasn’t until state lawmakers toured the hospital in 2004 and were stunned by a grim discovery: the cremated remains of 3,600 patients locked away and forgotten inside corroding copper canisters.

The remains belonged to patients who died at the hospital from the late 1880s to the mid-1970s. During the earlier part of that period, mental illness was considered so shameful that many patients were all but abandoned by their families and left to Oregon State Hospital wither in institutions. □

## ‘Cuckoo’s Nest’ hospital rebuilt following abuses





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# NY lawyer gets jail in Dead Sea Scrolls case



NEW YORK — A lawyer was sentenced Thursday to six months in jail after being convicted of an ultramodern crime that was all about antiquity: using online aliases to harass people in an academic debate about the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Raphael Golb was sentenced on identity theft and other charges in a rare criminal case centered on Internet impersonation and a very rare trial that aired a bitter scholarly debate over which ancient Jews created the scrolls.

Prosecutors said Golb crossed the line between discourse and crime by using fake e-mail accounts and writing blog posts under assumed names to discredit detractors of his father, a scholar. Golb said the writings amounted to pointed parody and academic whistle-blowing that he felt were protected by free-speech rights.

"I'm sorry for all the wounding of feelings that my e-mail antics have caused," he

told a court Thursday. "Before this case, I did not know that satirical hoaxes of the sort were treated as crimes in the United States of America."

But state Supreme Court Justice Carol Berkman said his conviction was about actions, not ideas.

"It's not his words, but his conduct," she said before sentencing him. "It is still a crime to imitate people in the manner that (Golb) did. ... The victims felt invaded and hurt by this."

The gaunt, 50-year-old Golb was led off in handcuffs to start serving his sentence. His lawyers planned to ask an appellate court later Thursday to grant him bail while he appeals.

Golb's September trial often felt like a lecture series, touching on topics ranging from Judaic studies to Enlightenment philosophy.

Found in caves in Israel beginning in the 1940s, the scrolls contain the earliest known versions of portions of the Hebrew Bible.

They have provided important insight into the history of Judaism and the beginnings of Christianity.

Some scholars, including New York University Judaic studies chairman Lawrence Schiffman, say the texts were assembled by a sect known as the Essenes. Others including Norman Golb, a University of Chicago historian and Golb's father believe the writings were the work of a range of Jewish groups and communities.

Schiffman went to authorities after some of his students and colleagues received e-mails from an address that used his name. The e-mails appeared to have him admitting that he plagiarized Norman Golb's work and asking the recipients to keep quiet about it. Schiffman denies copying the historian's work.

Raphael Golb, a literature scholar and real estate lawyer with a Harvard Ph.D. and an NYU law degree, acknowledged during his trial that he wrote the messages. But he said he never intended for anyone to believe Schiffman actually sent them and portrayed them as "satire, irony, parody."

Manhattan assistant district attorney John Bandler said Thursday that Golb's activities weren't commentary, but "thousands of hours of malicious harassment and impersonation." He also opened up e-mail accounts in the names of other scrolls scholars besides Schiffman.

"According to him, his free-speech rights allow him to harass and impersonate others. The jury found otherwise," Bandler said.

Golb's sentence also calls for five years' probation during which he can't engage in online discussions about the

scrolls under any name but his own or "anonymous." He has been disbarred because of his conviction, his lawyers said.

Internet impersonation claims have generated a number of lawsuits, but prosecutions are unusual unless phony identities are used to steal money, experts say.

In one notable case, Missouri mother Lori Drew was accused of helping her

daughter and a friend pose as a teen boy on MySpace to send hurtful messages to a 13-year-old neighbor girl. The girl committed suicide.

A federal jury in California, where MySpace has its servers, convicted Drew of misdemeanor counts of accessing computers without authorization. A judge overturned the verdict and acquitted her. □



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# Four in 10 say marriage is becoming obsolete



WASHINGTON — Is marriage becoming obsolete?

As families gather for Thanksgiving this year, nearly one in three American children is living with a parent who is divorced, separated or never-married. More people are accepting the view that wedding bells aren't needed to have a family.

A study by the Pew Research Center, in association with Time magazine, highlights rapidly changing notions of the American family. And the Census Bureau, too, is planning to incorporate broader definitions of family when measuring poverty, a shift caused partly by recent jumps in unmarried couples living together.

About 29 percent of children under 18 now live with a parent or parents who are unwed or no longer married, a fivefold increase from 1960, according to the Pew report being released Thursday. Broken down further, about

15 percent have parents who are divorced or separated and 14 percent who were never married. Within those two groups, a sizable chunk 6 percent have parents who are live-in couples who opted to raise kids together without getting married.

Indeed, about 39 percent of Americans said marriage was becoming obsolete. And that sentiment follows U.S. census data released in September that showed marriages hit an all-time low of 52 percent for adults 18 and over.

In 1978, just 28 percent believed marriage was becoming obsolete.

When asked what constitutes a family, the vast majority of Americans agree that a married couple, with or without children, fits that description. But four of five surveyed pointed also to an unmarried, opposite-sex couple with children or a single parent. Three of 5 people said a same-sex couple

with children was a family.

"Marriage is still very important in this country, but it doesn't dominate family life like it used to," said Andrew Cherlin, a professor of sociology and public policy at Johns Hopkins University. "Now there are several ways to have a successful family life, and more people accept them." The broadening views of family are expected to have an impact at Thanksgiving. About nine in 10 Americans say they will share a Thanksgiving meal next week with family, sitting at a table with 12 people on average. About one-fourth of respondents said there will be 20 or more family members.

"More Americans are living in these new families, so it seems safe to assume that there will be more of them around the Thanksgiving dinner table," said Paul Taylor, executive vice president of the Pew Research Center.

The changing views of family are being driven largely by young adults 18-29, who are more likely than older generations to have an unmarried or divorced parent or have friends who do. Young adults also tend to have more liberal attitudes when it comes to spousal roles and living together before marriage, the survey found.

But economic factors, too, are playing a role. The Census

Bureau recently reported that opposite-sex unmarried couples living together jumped 13 percent this year to 7.5 million. It was a sharp one-year increase that analysts largely attributed to people unwilling to make long-term marriage commitments in the face of persistent unemployment.

Beginning next year, the Census Bureau will publish new, supplemental poverty figures that move away from the traditional concept of family as a husband and wife with two children. It will broaden the definition to include unmarried couples, such as same-sex partners, as well as foster children who are not related by blood or adoption.

Officials say such a move will reduce the number of families and children who are considered poor based on the new supplemental measure, which will be used as a guide for federal and state agencies to set anti-poverty policies. That's because two unmarried partners who live together with children and work are currently not counted by census as a single "family" with higher pooled incomes, but are officially defined as two separate units one being a single parent and child, the other a single person who aren't sharing household resources.

"People are rethinking what family means," Cherlin said.

"Given the growth, I think we need to accept cohabitation relationships as a basis for some of the fringe benefits offered to families, such as health insurance."

Still, the study indicates that marriage isn't going to disappear anytime soon. Despite a growing view that marriage may not be necessary, 67 percent of Americans were upbeat about the future of marriage and family. That's higher than their optimism for the nation's educational system (50 percent), economy (46 percent) or its morals and ethics (41 percent).

And about half of all currently unmarried adults, 46 percent, say they want to get married. Among those unmarried who are living with a partner, the share rises to 64 percent.

Other findings:

About 34 percent of Americans called the growing variety of family living arrangements good for society, while 32 percent said it didn't make a difference and 29 percent said it was troubling.

About 44 percent of people say they have lived with a partner without being married; for 30-to-49-year-olds, that share rose to 57 percent. In most cases, those couples said they considered cohabitation as a step toward marriage.

About 62 percent say that the best marriage is one where the husband and wife both work and both take care of the household and children. □



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# Ethics chief counsel recommends censure for Rangel

By LARRY MARGASAK,  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House ethics committee's chief counsel recommended Thursday that veteran Rep. Charles Rangel be censured for financial and fundraising misconduct as lawmakers neared closure on an embarrassing 2 1/2-year-long scandal. Chief counsel Blake Chisam called for the punishment despite the veteran New York congressman's plea, in a prepared statement in advance of the hearing, for "a drop of fairness and mercy."

If Chisam's recommendation is carried out, it would be the most serious punishment short of expulsion that could be meted out by the House. Chisam and Rangel argued their positions at a public hearing on sanctions, where the 80-year-old congressman acknowledged making mistakes in handling his finances and said he wasn't there to "retry this case."

He did say he wished the committee would weigh, in considering its vote on punishment, how the House had handled previous cases involving lawmakers who were enriched by activities they undertook that were judged to be in violation of the chamber's rules.

Rangel spoke calmly without notes as he faced the committee. He repeatedly denied he was corrupt or crooked, sparking a clash with Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas.

McCaul questioned whether Rangel's conduct was, in fact, corrupt. He noted that Rangel targeted donors for a college center named after him, people who had legislative issues that Rangel could influence in the

Ways and Means Committee. Rangel, McCaul added, didn't pay taxes on his Dominican Republic villa for 17 years.

"Failure to pay taxes for 17 years. What is that?" McCaul asked. He noted that former Rep. James Traficant, who was expelled after a felony conviction, didn't pay taxes for just two years.

Rangel argued, "City College (of New York) came to me to use my name. I was not trying to criminally hide anything from the IRS and Congress."

He said he didn't know the landlord of his New York apartment building placed him on a special handling list, when Rangel set up a campaign office in a subsidized unit designated for residential use. Before Chisam commenced his remarks, Rep. Jo Bonner, R-Ala., told committee colleagues that Rangel needed only to "look in the mirror to know who to blame" for his predicament. Chisam said Rangel "brought discredit"

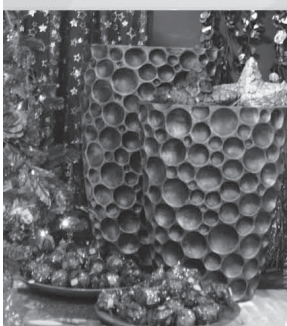


Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., right, talks with his Chief of Staff George Henry, as Rangel appeared before the House Ethics Committee, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010.

upon the House and that his actions "served to undermine public confidence in this institution." The committee recess for a floor vote and planned to reconvene

later Thursday to continue discussion and hold a closed session to discuss Chisam's recommendation. Rangel also brought in Rep. John Lewis, the Georgia Democrat,

to give a testimonial for the congressman to the panel. Lewis called his colleague "a good and decent man" and said he had worked tirelessly to advance civil rights. □



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# 'Barefoot Bandit' pleads not guilty to charges



SEATTLE — The attorney for the teenager accused of being the "Barefoot Bandit" is working with prosecutors to negotiate a plea deal that he says could involve using movie- or book-deal profits to compensate the victims of an alleged two-year, cross-country crime spree.

Colton Harris-Moore, 19, pleaded not guilty Thursday to federal charges that include interstate transportation of stolen aircraft and being a fugitive in possession of a firearm. He earned his moniker by allegedly committing some

of the crimes barefoot, and the antics have earned him a popular following on the Internet.

"He's very reluctant to make a dime off this, he really is," said his lawyer, John Henry Browne.

But Browne said that when he told his client that money from movie or book deals could be used to repay his victims and incidentally win him a more favorable plea deal, with less time behind bars "that changed his mind a little bit." Harris-Moore is accused of leading authorities on a cat-

and-mouse game in pilfered cars, boats and small planes after allegedly escaping a halfway house south of Seattle in 2008. This year he made a daring cross-country dash that ended four months ago when he stole a plane in Indiana, crash-landed it in the Bahamas and was captured by Bahamian police at gunpoint in a stolen boat.

Harris-Moore, who was indicted by a grand jury last week, appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Mary Alice Theiler on Thursday wearing prison khakis over an orange shirt. He stated his name and year of birth, and frequently looked down during the brief hearing.

He told the judge he understood the charges against him interstate transportation of a stolen aircraft, a stolen firearm and a stolen vessel, as well as being a fugitive in possession of a firearm and piloting an aircraft without a valid airman's certificate.

Browne entered the not guilty plea on Harris-Moore's behalf. Afterward, the attorney told reporters that discussions are in the early stages on a possible deal that could resolve both federal and state charges against Harris-Moore. Not guilty pleas are typical at this stage, even if defendants

intend to plead guilty later.

Four of the five counts against Harris-Moore carry maximum sentences of 10 years in prison, and Browne said that realistically his client could be looking at anywhere from four to 12 years. Trial was set for Jan. 18.

The federal charges stem from a spate of crimes in late 2009 and early this year, when Harris-Moore is accused of flying a stolen plane from Anacortes, in northwestern Washington, to the San Juan Islands; stealing a pistol in eastern British Columbia; stealing a plane from a hangar where authorities found bare footprints on the floor and wall, and flying it to Granite Falls, Wash., where it crashed after running out of fuel; and stealing a 32-foot boat in southwestern Washington and taking it to Oregon.

From Oregon, he hopscotched his way across the U.S., frequently stealing cars from the parking lots of small airports, until he made it to Indiana, where he stole another plane and made for the Bahamas, authorities say. In all, the self-taught pilot is suspected of more than 70 crimes across nine states.

The U.S. attorney's office in Seattle declined to comment on whether it is negotiating a

possible plea deal with Harris-Moore to resolve all state and federal charges against him.

Such a deal could include Harris-Moore admitting to state crimes in other jurisdictions and agreeing to direct profits from book or movie deals to victims but that would require the consent of prosecutors in other jurisdictions.

Some, including the prosecutor in Island County, where Harris-Moore grew up and where he was first arrested at age 12, have indicated they want Harris-Moore to answer for local crimes in their courts, rather than in one overarching plea in federal court in Seattle. If those prosecutors don't want to play ball, "I'll bankrupt them," Browne said, citing the expense of putting on a high-profile trial in small, rural counties.

Browne said Harris-Moore has been in solitary confinement at the Federal Detention Center south of Seattle, where he's been drawing airplane designs and reading about aircraft and nature. He's received letters from his mother and aunt, but few visits, and he's not interested in getting out of solitary.

"He'd rather stay where he is, which is rather unusual," Browne said. □

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## Aruba is invaded by Beach Tennis fanatics from Brazil



ORANJESTAD - Cheers! A great group of Brazilian Beach Tennis players arrived at the Reina Beatrix Airport last Wednesday evening, just in time for the opening party of the Marriott Stellaris International Beach Tennis Event. They were met by organizer Jochem Ros, who can no wrong no more after he doled out ice cold Amstel Bright beer to his friends. In total, ninety Beach Tennis players from Brazil have invaded the island; they are in good company as a television crew from El Globo Sports television is with them to



record every moment of their time here. The fanatic beach tennis players from Brazil are not alone: the Italian world champions Beach Tennis and a select group of players from Italy came on the Martinair flight from Holland as well yesterday. Other international participation is from terrific French, Belgian, German, Czech, Dutch, American and

Japanese beach tennis players, who have come to Aruba for the Marriott Stellaris Event, which is held at MooMba Beach from November 18 – 21. The opening party of the tournament was last Wednesday; today everyone should already be up to speed. The event starts with a Singles tournament, followed by the Nations Cup on Friday; this separate event starts at 10am. On Friday evening the amateur tournament starts with finals in all categories on Sunday. On Sunday morning there is a Youth Tournament; registration is on-site and costs AWG. 15,--. Amateur beach tennis players can still register, by the way: registration is open until noon this Thursday (16 Nov). Amateurs start their poule matches on Friday evening, with knock-out rounds following on Sunday afternoon.

The awards presentation of the Marriott Stellaris Beach Tennis Event will held at the Marriott Stellaris Casino, where the US \$ 10,000 prize money will be divided among the winners. For updates and information one can surf

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Bjorn Hurtig, the lawyer of Wikileaks founder Julian Assange, left, talks to the media after Swedish prosecutors said they will seek an international arrest warrant for Assange after a court approved their request to detain him for questioning in a rape case Thursday Nov. 18, 2010 at a District Court in Stockholm, Sweden. The Australian is suspected of rape, sexual molestation and unlawful coercion in an investigation that stems from his encounters with two women during a visit to Sweden in August.

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**ASSANGE** and unlawful coercion in an investigation that stems from his encounters with two women during a visit to

Sweden in August.

He has denied the allegations and insisted his sexual relations with the women were consensual.

His lawyers lashed out at Swedish investigators Thursday, saying Assange had offered to be questioned before he left Sweden and later in Britain, in person or by phone, videoconferencing, e-mail, or to make a sworn statement.

“All of these offers have been flatly refused by a prosecutor who is abusing her powers by insisting that he return to Sweden,” said Mark Stephens, Assange’s British lawyer. He added that the allegations were “false and without basis.”

Assange, 39, a veteran computer hacker, founded WikiLeaks in 2006 and it has

published almost 500,000 secret U.S. documents about the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Governments and some of Assange’s own colleagues have denounced him for releasing Afghan documents that contained the names of Afghan intelligence sources for NATO forces, saying that could place the sources’ lives at risk.

But Assange has urged U.S. authorities to investigate possible human rights abuses by American troops during the two conflicts. He also has complained that he and his group are being targeted and persecuted by intelligence agencies from the United States and elsewhere who are angry over the leaks of the secret military documents.

Director of Public Prosecution Marianne Ny said she sought Thursday’s court order to detain Assange because “So far, we have not been able to meet with him to accomplish the interrogation.”

After the Stockholm District Court approved her request, she told The Associated Press she would seek Assange’s arrest through Interpol. His whereabouts were not immediately known.

Assange had considered setting up a base for WikiLeaks in Sweden, where some of its servers are located, but Swedish immigration authorities denied him a residence permit. Earlier this month, he said he was considering immigrating to Switzerland instead.

Court documents filed by the prosecutor show Assange

is suspected of raping and sexually molesting a woman in the town of Enköping, central Sweden. He’s suspected of sexual molestation and unlawful coercion of the second woman, in Stockholm. A police report obtained by The Associated Press shows that both women had met Assange in connection with a seminar he gave in Stockholm on Aug. 14. The report shows the women filed their complaints together six days later.

Mark Stephens, Assange’s lawyer in Britain, said both women have declared that they had “consensual sexual relations” with Assange. “Only after the women became aware of each other’s relationships with Mr. Assange did they make their allegations against him,” Stephens said in a statement.

Investigators initially disagreed on how to deal with the case.

A Stockholm prosecutor opened a rape investigation on Aug. 20, that was dropped by the city’s chief prosecutor a day later. Ny reopened it the following week.

Bjorn Hurtig, a Swedish lawyer who represented Assange at the detention hearing in Stockholm, said he thought the evidence presented by prosecutors was “very meager.”

“It’s not enough to get him convicted for crime,” he said. Hurtig said he would consider appealing the court order, but that it would require a power of attorney from Assange, whose whereabouts he did not disclose. □

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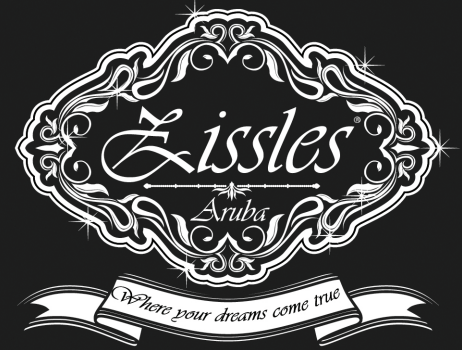


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## Coup attempting officers holed up Madagascar

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ANTANANARIVO, Madagascar (AP) — Soldiers in Madagascar have often intruded in politics. But their latest attempt is fizzling, leaving a group of officers holed up at a base and the island's civilian leader — who himself took power in a coup 20 months ago — largely ignoring what appears to have been a poorly planned putsch. The military officers called reporters to a base near the airport Wednesday, prepared to read a list of their demands. Outside the base, the nation was voting on a new constitution proposed by Andry Rajoelina, who grabbed power with military backing last year. The officers' list included a call on soldiers and civilians to rally and topple Rajoelina, but there was little sign of an uprising. Instead, Malagasy, as the people of this Indian Ocean island are known, kept voting. Rajoelina, leaving a polling station, said he had never felt threatened. He said the majority of the military was behind him "and not bothered by declarations from a handful of people." Thursday, the capital was calm, with no sign Rajoelina's forces would try to oust the mutinous military officers from their base. From their base, the officers issued a statement aired on private TV stations Thursday, pledging to persevere. Among the officers at the base was Col. Charles

Andrianasoavina, who last year backed Rajoelina's move to take power. Back then, the island nation and its military were in turmoil. In January 2009, thousands of supporters of Rajoelina, who at the time was the capital's mayor, had razed a building at the state broadcasting complex and set fire to an oil depot and a private TV station linked to then-President Marc Ravalomanana. Scores of people were killed. Soldiers then opened fire on anti-government protesters, killing at least 25. That cost Ravalomanana much of the support of the military, which blamed him for the order to fire at demonstrators. By March, Rajoelina was in power. But as the months passed with Rajoelina unable to break out of international isolation, some in the military have grown disenchanted. "Alas! The different parties continue to hold onto their respective positions, and the people of Madagascar are suffering the consequences of false pride," Andrianasoavina said Wednesday. Rajoelina has rejected international mediation efforts, imposing his own plan he says will lead to new presidential elections some time next year. Wednesday's constitutional referendum was a first step. The proposed new charter largely resembles the existing constitution, but a key new clause states that the current leader of a so-called High Transitional Authority — Rajoelina — would remain in



**Soldiers patrol a street in Madagascar's capital Antananarivo Thursday Nov. 18, 2010, a day after an attempted coup. The capital was calm Thursday, with no sign forces loyal to Rajoelina would try to oust the mutinous officers from the base where they had gathered near the capital's airport.**

Associated Press

power until a new president is elected. That was seen as a bid by Rajoelina to stay in power indefinitely because there was no certainty new elections would be held. The proposed constitution also sets the minimum age to be president at 35 instead of the current 40. Rajoelina is 36. Rajoelina won't be able to hold onto power long without the support of a united military. Since this Indian Ocean island gained independence from France in 1960, soldiers have repeatedly meddled in politics. The first president, Philibert Tsiranana, was a civilian. But when he stepped down in 1972 amid anti-government demonstrations, a general took over. The general was followed by a lieutenant

colonel, who was followed by a ruling committee of officers, and then came Admiral Didier Ratsiraka, who led the country

from 1975 until he was defeated in a 1992 vote, only to come back to win 1997 elections. □

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## Palestinian militants threaten Israel in Hebrew



In this Aug. 14, 2009 file photo members of a militant Islamic group Jund Ansar Allah, one of several al-Qaeda-inspired groups operating in the Gaza Strip, stand guard as their leader Abdel-Latif Moussa, right, speaks during Friday prayers in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip.

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IAN DEITCH

Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinian militants inspired by al-Qaida posted a Hebrew-language threat on a radical Islamic website Thursday, vowing revenge for the deaths of two Gaza militants in an Israeli airstrike.

It appeared to be the first time that one of the murky, al-Qaida-inspired groups in Gaza have issued a threat in Hebrew, though larger militant organizations, including Gaza's Hamas rulers and Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon, have done so before.

The recording, posted by a group identifying itself as Ansar al-Sunna, came a day after an Israeli airstrike hit two senior members of the Army of Islam. Both groups are believed to be closely linked.

The Israeli military had no comment on the audio recording.

In a statement, it said the men targeted were "part of a terror cell that planned to kidnap and kill Israelis" in the Sinai peninsula, a popular tourist spot.

The voice speaks in broken and heavily accented Hebrew and is full of echoes, making it hard to decipher at times. A version of the message also appeared on the popular web

video site YouTube juxtaposed over a picture of an assault rifle with Hebrew lettering.

Despite its amateur appearance, its presence on popular sites used by al-Qaida militants showed the ongoing efforts by groups in Gaza to link themselves with the global terror network and sow fear among Israelis.

"Killing our comrades will not stop us continuing jihad. It won't bring you security," the voice says, mentioning the names of the two men killed on Wednesday.

"We will continue firing rockets if God wills it, unless you leave Palestine. Your civilians will never be safe wherever they are from us," it says. □



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# Liberal Dutch marijuana policy taking another hit?

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AMSTERDAM (AP) —

The new conservative Dutch government wants to force the country's marijuana cafes to become "members only" clubs, a move that would effectively block foreigners from buying the drug.

If the idea ever becomes reality — it would be legally complicated and politically divisive — it would be the latest of the country's liberal policies to be scrapped or curtailed as the Dutch rethink the limits of their famed tolerance.

While marijuana is technically illegal in the Netherlands, it has been sold openly in designated cafes for decades, and police make no arrests for possession of small amounts. Justice Minister Ivo Opstelten said that in the future, only residents of Dutch cities will be allowed to purchase cannabis. "Not tourists. We don't like that," he said on state television in remarks broadcast Wednesday.

His spokesman Wim van der Weegen said Thursday Opstelten intended to "give a political signal." He said details of the plan are still being worked out and it will

be presented to parliament sometime next year.

"This Cabinet wants to bring marijuana cafes back to what they were once intended to be: for people who live in the immediate area, not large-scale criminal trade and not tourism," he said.

The city of Amsterdam, which has an image as a haven for weed smokers and potentially stands to lose a major tourist attraction if the policy is enforced, is not enthusiastic about the proposal.

"We're looking at it now, considering it, and a formal response is coming," said spokesman Bas Bruijn.

Last year, then-Mayor Job Cohen said he feared a system requiring users to obtain passes "risks increasing street trade and 'illegal' sales points." Marijuana cafe owners scoffed at the idea of member passes as political posturing and unworkable in practice. "It's not going to happen," said Michael Veling, spokesman for the Union of Cannabis Retailers and owner of the 4:20 cafe in Amsterdam.

"I'm not worried because I have something in my head that's called common sense."

He predicted it will prove difficult for the government

to make rules regulating marijuana cafes without first legalizing marijuana.

European law forbids treating citizens of one European Union country different from that of another, and marijuana shop owners will have difficulty knowing who is a local resident without access to city government databases. The new Dutch government that took office in October is comprised of two conservative parties with the support of the far-right anti-Islam party of populist Geert Wilders.

Crime, immigration and safety issues have dominated Dutch political debate for a decade, leading to measures such as imprisoning asylum seekers, outlawing psychedelic mushrooms, mandating citizenship classes for immigrants and forcing people to carry ID cards.

Amsterdam has resisted enforcing some of the conservative trends. For instance, it rejected a 2008 ban on marijuana cafes near schools that would have led to the closure of nearly all the bars, commonly known as "coffee shops."

But it has accepted others. In 2006, the city shut down a third of its legal brothels,



In this Sept. 24, 2004 file photo, a tourist smokes marijuana at a coffee shop called "de Dampkring" or "Atmosphere", in the center of Amsterdam, Netherlands. The Dutch government has announced on Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010, that it plans to force cafes where marijuana is smoked openly to introduce a system that would allow only card-holding members to buy the drug. Though it is not certain how the plan will be enacted, it could block foreign tourists from buying the drug at Amsterdam's famed marijuana cafes, known as "coffee shops."

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saying they were a magnet for criminals.

Amsterdam's new mayor Eberhard van der Laan was the most prominent among Dutch municipal leaders this month in attempting to enforce a new nationwide law criminalizing "squatting" in unoccupied buildings.

Dutch marijuana policy has been a sore point in relations with the U.S. and Europe over the years, and increasingly within the country itself. Dutch

cities in the far south complain they suffer from crime caused by the illicit marijuana trade as German, Belgian and French dealers drive to border towns such as Maastricht to purchase supplies.

According to U.N. data, the use of marijuana by Dutch nationals is in the mid-range of norms for developed countries — higher than in Sweden or Japan but lower than in Britain, France or the U.S. □

# Cholera protesters attack cars in Haiti capital



A demonstrator runs to avoid tear gas fired by police and UN soldiers during a protest in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010. Following days of rioting in northern Haiti over suspicions that U.N. soldiers introduced a cholera epidemic that has killed more than 1,000 people, protesters in Haiti's capital clashed with police Thursday lashing out at U.N. peacekeepers and the government, blocking roads and attacking foreigners' vehicles.

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JONATHAN M. KATZ

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti

(AP) — Anti-U.N. violence

spread to Haiti's capital Thursday as protesters blocked roads and attacked foreigners' cars over suspicions that peacekeepers introduced a cholera epidemic that has killed more than 1,100 people. The unrest followed three days of similar violence in northern Haiti. The protests come a little more than a week before national elections, and the U.N. has characterized them as political. Some demonstrators threw rocks at an office of President Rene Preval's Unity party and tore down campaign posters.

But the protests are fueled by suspicions, shared by some U.S. disease experts, that a contingent of Nepalese soldiers brought cholera with them to Haiti and spread the disease from their rural base into the Artibonite River

system, where the initial outbreak was centered.

The disease is new to Haiti and was not expected to strike this year despite rampant bad sanitation and poor access to drinking water.

The 12,000-member U.N. Stabilization Mission in Haiti, or MINUSTAH, which has been the dominant security force in Haiti for six years, denies responsibility for the epidemic.

Standing before the thick black smoke of blazing tires Thursday, protesters yelled "We say no to MINUSTAH and no to cholera" and carried signs reading "MINUSTAH and cholera are twins." The windows of several cars belonging to the U.N. and humanitarian groups were broken.

Haitian police fired tear gas

at the protesters on the central Champ de Mars plaza, and clouds of choking irritants blew into nearby tent shelters of thousands made homeless by the Jan. 12 earthquake.

"I survived the quake but the police are going to kill me with gas," Marie Paul Moses said as she fled the white cloud.

Aid workers, including U.N. humanitarian agencies that are structurally separate from the peacekeeping force, called for calm, saying the violence is hampering efforts to treat the tens of thousands of people stricken with cholera.

The disease is spread by contaminated fecal matter. Health experts say it can be easily treated with rehydration or prevented outright by ensuring good sanitation and getting people to drink only purified water. □



# Egypt rejects U.S. meddling in internal affairs



The leader of the Muslim Brotherhood, Egypt's largest opposition movement, Mohammed Badie talks during a conference on the 2010 Parliamentary Elections in Egypt, in Cairo, Egypt Tuesday Nov.9, 2010. A coalition of 16 human rights organizations said on Tuesday that it expects a rigged Egyptian parliamentary election this month given the strong restrictions imposed by authorities. Arabic read as "Stopping elections fraud is a national duty"

*Associated Press*

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt said Thursday it was dismayed by Washington's call for foreign monitors to observe the country's upcoming parliamentary elections, describing it as meddling in its internal affairs.

A statement released by the Foreign Affairs Ministry

said the U.S. was acting like an "overseer" and was not respecting Egypt's sovereignty.

"It seems that the U.S. insists on not respecting the privacy of the Egyptian society and making statements that incense Egypt's nationalism," said

the statement.

Elections in Egypt are routinely marred by fraud but authorities have pledged, as in past years, that the Nov. 28 balloting will be fair.

Egypt has rejected calls for allowing international observers to monitor the vote saying it would be a violation of its sovereignty, instead saying local groups could do the job.

In response to the Egyptian criticism, U.S. Ambassador Margaret Scobey said the U.S. welcomed Egypt's stated commitment to open and free elections "including facilitating domestic monitoring by civil society groups." "In addition, an open electoral process would include a credible and impartial mechanism for reviewing election-related complaints, a domestic election observation effort according to international standards, and the presence of international observers,"

she said in a statement.

In Washington, U.S. State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley told reporters that the election would be watched very closely to ensure it meets Egypt's requirements and international standards. "We have encouraged Egypt to make sure that there are adequate domestic observers and international observers for this upcoming election," he said.

"This is not interfering in Egyptian affairs. This is encouraging a very close friend of the United States that its elections are vitally important and that its people want to see and have opportunities for greater participation in Egypt's political system and have a government that is more representative of all segments of Egyptian society."

In the last two parliamentary elections, Egypt's judiciary supervised the polling stations, resulting in less

fraud than in the past.

In 2007, however, President Hosni Mubarak introduced a number of amendments to the constitution, including one which removed the judiciary from the polling stations and relegated them to only an indirect supervisory role. Rights groups and opposition activists maintain the change will once again open the way for widespread vote rigging. The Egyptian statement specifically criticized the Egypt Working Group, a bipartisan group of senators and foreign policy analysts in Washington pushing the Obama administration to put pressure on Egypt to assure free vote and allow international monitors to have access to the polls.

"Egypt rejects this pressure ... this is the kind of group that aims to spread chaos in the Middle East without considering the consequences of their vision," said the statement. □

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In this Oct. 7, 2010, file photo, Portland Trail Blazers Greg Oden sits on the bench during the first half of their NBA preseason basketball game against the Utah Jazz in Salt Lake City.

## Blazers C Oden will have another knee surgery

PORTLAND, Ore. — For the third time in four years, Greg Oden's knees have betrayed him.

The Portland Trail Blazers hastily called a press conference Wednesday night to announce that Oden, the No. 1 pick in the 2007 draft, will miss the season after he has microfracture surgery on his left knee. Oden's rookie year was postponed because of similar surgery on his right knee, and last season he broke his left kneecap early in December and again required surgery. He was still rehabbing when the latest problem was discovered.

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This Sept. 17, 2010, file photo shows Seattle Mariners pitcher Felix Hernandez in action in a baseball game against the Texas Rangers, in Seattle. Hernandez has been chosen the AL Cy Young Award winner, Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010, by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

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Portland Trail Blazers guard Brandon Roy reacts after missing a basket against the Oklahoma City Thunder in the fourth quarter of an NBA basketball game in Oklahoma City, Friday, Nov. 12, 2010. Roy had 24 points for Portland, but Oklahoma City won 110-108.

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#### BLAZERS ODEN

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"As you can expect, this young man is devastated about not having the opportunity to play this season, being so close to getting back on the floor and just all of a sudden, this situation comes up and it's like, here we go again for him," Portland coach Nate McMillan said.

Oden's latest surgery is

scheduled for Friday in Vail, Colo. The microfracture procedure will repair damaged cartilage that is not related to the kneecap injury, the team said.

Blazers trainer Jay Jensen said the latest problem with Oden's knee became apparent about two weeks ago when he experienced some pain and fluid in the joint. Soon thereafter, an MRI revealed the damage.

"We sat there and it was like we'd been kicked in the stomach," Jensen said, choking up. "It felt like hearing someone close to us had died."

The 22-year-old Oden has often has been compared to former Portland center Sam Bowie, whom the Blazers famously selected in front of Michael Jordan in the 1984 draft. The Blazers picked Oden instead of Kevin Durant, who went to the Oklahoma City franchise and has blossomed into one of the NBA's best players.

Another Portland big man, Bill Walton, was selected by the Blazers with the No. 1 pick in the 1974 draft, but he was dogged by a broken nose, foot, wrist and leg over his first two seasons before helping the team to the NBA championship in 1977.

Oden has seemingly been cursed since shortly before his rookie season, when trouble in his right knee prompted surgery the first time.

He showed promise the next season when he played in 61 games, averaging 8.9 points and seven rebounds. But he really began to blossom last season when

he became a starter and was averaging 11.7 points, 8.8 rebounds and 2.4 blocks in that role. Then he was hurt in a game against Houston, crashing to the floor with his kneecap visibly contorted. Oden had just started easing into practices when the latest knee issue was discovered. He has played in only 82 games during his NBA career, missing 176. Jensen said it was unclear what caused the latest damage.

The Blazers announced last month they would not offer Oden a contract extension. He was the first No. 1 pick since Kwame Brown not to get one at the end of his rookie contract.

Oden will be a restricted free agent next summer and Portland will be able to match any offers for him. Portland's problems at center are not limited to Oden.

For the past several years the Blazers have relied on veteran Joel Przybilla, but he also was injured last December and required knee surgery. The Blazers have since started veteran forward Marcus Camby in the middle.

At the start of this season,

Jeff Pendergraph, who was backing up Camby, injured his knee and required season-ending surgery.

The Blazers signed six-year veteran Fabricio Oberto, but he retired from the NBA just five games into the season because of a preexisting heart condition. The good news for the Blazers is that Przybilla already has returned to practice and has said he expects to be back by Thanksgiving.

About an hour before announcing Oden's surgery, the Blazers said All-Star guard Brandon Roy would miss the next two games because of a sore left knee. Roy recently underwent an MRI exam and team doctors determined there is no immediate need for surgery. He will be evaluated again next week.

The team's top scorer left the Blazers' game at New Orleans on Saturday with a pronounced limp after playing 22 minutes. He had recently expressed concern about his knees after playing significant minutes early in the season.

The Blazers host Denver on Thursday and Utah on Saturday. □

## Gebrselassie to run Tokyo Marathon in February



Elite men's runner Haile Gebrselassie, of Ethiopia, speaks to reporters during a news conference for the New York City Marathon, Friday, Nov. 5, 2010 in New York.

Associated Press

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — Haile Gebrselassie will run the Tokyo Marathon in his first race since coming out of his short-lived retirement.

The Ethiopian great says on Twitter that he has no more pain in his knee and "my next race will be Tokyo Marathon in February."

Japanese organizers confirmed Thursday that Gebrselassie will compete in the Tokyo race on Feb. 27.

Gebrselassie announced his retirement after pulling out of the New York City Marathon on Nov. 7 with 10 miles (16 kilometers) to go because of a knee injury.

But the world record-holder reversed his decision Monday and said he would continue running through the 2012 London Olympics.

Gebrselassie says on Twitter: "Did a 90 minutes run this morning, it was great. No pain in my knee and relieved to know that I can continue what I love doing!" □

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NBA Roundup

# Hornets steal preserves tight win over Mavs

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — David West stole the ball from Dirk Nowitzki with 2 seconds left to preserve a 99-97 win for the New Orleans Hornets over the Dallas Mavericks in the NBA on Wednesday.

Dallas, trailing 98-97, was trying to set up for a potential game-winning shot when West — who finished with 17 points —

stole the ball and made one of two free throws for the final margin.

Chris Paul had 20 points and 11 assists as New Orleans avenged its first loss of the season Monday in Dallas.

Nowitzki had 29 points and nine rebounds for the Mavericks.

## Spurs 103, Bulls 94

In San Antonio, Tony Parker scored 21 points, hours after his Hollywood actress wife filed for divorce, to lead San Antonio to its eighth straight win, defeating Chicago.

Actress Eva Longoria filed court papers earlier Wednesday to divorce Parker, citing irreconcilable differences between the “Desperate Housewives” star and the point guard. A swarm of media before the game waited for Parker, who called the divorce a private matter. Derrick Rose scored 33 points for the Bulls, whose win streak ended at four.

## Lakers 103, Pistons 90

In Auburn Hills, Michigan, Kobe Bryant scored 33

points without playing in the fourth quarter as Los Angeles downed Detroit.

Bryant scored 24 in the first half, helping the Lakers open a 14-point halftime lead, and the struggling Pistons allowed the first seven points of the third quarter to fall behind 66-45. Pau Gasol added 25 points and 12 rebounds for Los Angeles.

Rodney Stuckey scored 18 points for the Pistons, which had to cope with the early ejection of Richard Hamilton.

## Celtics 114, Wizards 83

In Boston, the home team was able to rest its starters in the fourth quarter of a dominant win over Washington.

Paul Pierce scored 23 points and Rajon Rondo had 12 points and 13 assists for the Celtics, who were ahead 89-69 at the end of three quarters and went ahead by as many as 37 in the fourth.

Nick Young scored 20 points for the Wizards, who were without No. 1 overall draft pick John Wall, who sat out because of a foot sprain.

## Jazz 98, Nets 88

In Salt Lake City, Deron Williams scored 23 points and dished out eight assists as Utah beat New Jersey.

Paul Millsap had 19 points, 15 rebounds and four assists for Utah. All five Jazz starters were in double figures by early in the third quarter.

Anthony Morrow scored 24 points to lead New Jersey.

## Heat 123, Suns 96

In Miami, Chris Bosh scored a season-high 35 points before sitting out the fourth quarter as Miami ran away from Phoenix.

LeBron James had 20 points for Miami, which used two big runs — a 24-9 spurt to end the first half, followed by an 18-3 flurry that closed the third quarter — to snap the Suns’ three-game winning streak. James also had nine assists and eight boards.

All five Phoenix starters scored in double figures, led by Steve Nash’s 17. Nash only had two assists, matching his lowest total in his past 141 games.

Miami outrebounded the Suns 42-32.

## Thunder 116, Rockets 99

In Oklahoma City, the hosts recorded their biggest win over the season, defeating Houston.

Kevin Durant scored 24 points in three quarters and Russell Westbrook had 21 points and 12 assists for Oklahoma City. Durant came in second in the league at 41½ minutes per game, but played just under 30 with Oklahoma City comfortably ahead.

Luis Scola had 26 points for Houston, but stayed on the sidelines in the final period with the Rockets in the second leg of a back-to-back.

In Sacramento, New York overcome a slow shooting start to beat Sacramento and snap a six-game losing skid.



New Orleans Hornets power forward David West (30) attempts to drive around Dallas Mavericks small forward Shawn Marion, left, and Mavericks point guard Jason Kidd, center, in the first half of an NBA basketball game in New Orleans, Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010.

Associated Press

Amare Stoudemire and Danilo Gallinari each scored 27 points for the Knicks, who were the stronger team in the final quarter despite playing for the second straight night. Tyreke Evans scored 23 points for the Kings, who lost their sixth straight overall and fifth in a row at home.

In other NBA games it was

Miami 123, Phoenix 96; Toronto 94, Philadelphia 86; Boston 114, Washington 83; L.A. Lakers 103, Detroit 90; Minnesota 113, L.A. Clippers 111; New Orleans 99, Dallas 97; Oklahoma City 116, Houston 99; Utah 98, New Jersey 88; San Antonio 103, Chicago 94; and New York 113, Sacramento 106. □



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# King Felix! Seattle ace Hernandez wins AL Cy Young



Seattle Mariners pitcher Felix Hernandez, from Venezuela, holding his son Jeremy after receiving the news that he was the winner of the American League Cy Young award at his home in Valencia, Venezuela, Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010.

*Associated Press*

By **BEN WALKER**  
AP Baseball Writer

**NEW YORK** — Felix Hernandez drew plenty of support in this final pitchers' duel. The Seattle ace won the AL Cy Young Award on Thursday despite a 13-12 record. His major league-leading 2.27 ERA and superior stats made him an easy choice over David

Price of Tampa Bay and CC Sabathia of the Yankees and their impressive win-loss numbers. Victimized by poor run support all season, Hernandez found ample backing with the voters. They clearly recognized how little the last-place Mariners helped him — in 10 starts, they were either shut out and held to one run.

"This confirms the Cy Young is an award not only for the pitcher with the most wins, but the most dominant," a teary-eyed Hernandez said while celebrating with relatives at the family home in Valencia, Venezuela.

King Felix got 21 of the 28 first-place votes and 167 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. The 24-year-old led the league in innings (249 2-3), was second in strikeouts (232) and topped the AL in innings/hits ratio.

Price, who went 19-6 with a 2.72 ERA, was second with four first-place votes and 111 points. Sabathia, who led the league with 21 wins, drew the other three first-place votes and finished third at 102. The 13 wins by Hernandez marked the fewest for a Cy Young starter in a full season — Tim Lincecum set the record last year with 15 victories for San Francisco.

Fernando Valenzuela won the NL award in strike-shortened 1981 after going 13-7. His mark of six games over .500 had been the lowest for any Cy starter until Hernandez.

Hernandez finished second in the voting last year, his 19 wins beaten out by Zack Greinke's better showing with other numerology.

But no more sighs for Hernandez now. In the Year of the Pitcher, he came out

on top.

"This is the first of many," Hernandez said. "Now I have to work even harder because I'm the best pitcher in the American League."

The Mariners finished with an AL-worst 61-101 record and their 513 runs were the fewest in the majors. They gave him barely over three runs to work with each game and weren't too sharp in the field, either — in his 34 starts, he gave up 17 unearned runs. Still, Hernandez was a star. No matter that he was left off this year's AL All-Star team. Hernandez went 7-4 against playoff teams and was at his best against the high-scoring Yankees, going 3-0 while holding them to one run in 26 innings with 31 strikeouts.

Hernandez was 8-10 on Aug. 15 after 26 starts, but a debate had already begun to brew about his Cy Young candidacy. Many fans who rely more traditional numbers — win-loss record for pitchers — didn't think he rated at the top of the list. Others who count on baseball's newer math pointed at how well Hernandez had done on the things he could fully command. He led AL pitchers in a stat that matters a lot to the sabermetricians of the sport — Wins Above Replacement.

Hernandez might've ranked even higher had the Mariners decided not to skip his

regular start on the final day of the regular season. He needed one more inning to match NL Cy Young winner Roy Halladay for most in the majors, and he finished one strikeout behind AL leader Jered Weaver of the Angels. Sabathia and Price each led strong staffs that pitched their teams into the playoffs. Both aces went 3-2 against teams that reached the postseason. Sabathia won in 2007 with Cleveland. The big lefty went 10-1 this season against Seattle, Baltimore and Kansas City, the three last-place teams in the AL.

Hernandez became the second Seattle pitcher to win the Cy Young, joining Randy Johnson in 1995. This was the third time the award went to a Venezuelan pitcher, with Johan Santana having won twice.

By winning, Hernandez received an automatic \$1 million raise in salary next year to \$11 million. He also earned annual \$500,000 raises after that to \$19 million in 2012, \$20 million in 2013 and \$20.5 million in 2014. Price received \$80,000 for finishing second.

Boston's Jon Lester came in fourth. Weaver got a \$50,000 bonus for finishing fifth.

The next BBWAA award will be the NL Most Valuable Player, to be announced Monday. The AL MVP will be Tuesday. □

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## NHL Roundup

# Capitals hold off Sabres

WASHINGTON (AP) — Matt Bradley had a goal and an assist as the Washington Capitals held off a Buffalo comeback and beat the Sabres 4-2 in the NHL on Wednesday. It was Bradley's first multiple-point game of the season. Nicklas Backstrom and David Steckel also scored as the Capitals took a 3-0 lead early in the second period. Washington, which has a league-high 29 points, is 10-1-0 at home.

Derek Roy and Jordan Leopold scored less than a minute apart in the second period for Buffalo.

Washington's Alexander Semin had an empty-net goal in the final seconds and an assist to extend his point-scoring streak to nine games, the longest by a Capital this season.

### Red Wings 7, Blues 3

In Detroit, Dan Cleary's second goal of the game broke a third-period tie and began a four-goal rally to lift Detroit over St. Louis.

Cleary also stretched his goal streak to six games, Drew Miller and Justin Abdelkader each had a goal and an assist. Henrik Zetterberg, Brad Stuart and Tomas Holmstrom also scored for Detroit.

St. Louis' Andy McDonald had a goal and two assists, Brad Boyes a goal and an assist and Brad Winchester

also scored.

### Penguins 3, Canucks 1

In Pittsburgh, the hosts beat Vancouver in regulation for the first time in 10 years.

The Canucks were 7-0-1 against the Penguins since 2000, and had won their past four in Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby scored on a breakaway seven seconds after leaving the penalty box and Max Talbot scored short-handed.

Defenseman Dan Hamhuis, who turned down a Penguins offer to sign with Vancouver last summer, scored for the visitors.

### Blue Jackets 5, Kings 3

In Los Angeles, the hosts perfect run of home wins to start the season was ended at eight by Columbus.

Columbus punctuated the best start in franchise history with an impressive three-goal third period to beat the Kings, who were the NHL's only remaining unbeaten home team.

Rick Nash scored the tiebreaking goal with 3:12 to play, Andrew Murray and Rostislav Klesla also scored the Blue Jackets and Nash added an empty-netter.

Justin Williams, Michal Handzus and Ryan Smyth scored for the Kings.

### Bruins 3, Rangers 2

In New York, Tim Thomas made 15 of his 34 saves in

the third period, turning away three shots when Boston was down two men, helping the Bruins beat New York.

Milan Lucic, Tyler Seguin and Mark Recchi scored three consecutive goals as Boston improved to 7-1 on the road. The Bruins have scored 21 goals in their past five road games.

Brandon Dubinsky and Marian Gaborik scored for New York, but the Rangers had their three-game winning streak snapped. They lost in regulation for the first time in seven games against a Northeast Division opponent.

### Wild 2, Ducks 1, OT

In St. Paul, Minnesota, Antti Miettinen scored at 3:36 of overtime to lift Minnesota over Anaheim.

Niklas Backstrom made 27 saves, while Martin Havlat also scored for the Wild.

Teemu Selanne scored for the Ducks.

In Denver, Kevin Porter scored on a breakaway with 2:53 remaining in overtime as Colorado fought back to beat



Washington Capitals left wing Jason Chimera (25) tries to get the puck past Buffalo Sabres goalie Ryan Miller (30) during the second period of an NHL hockey game, Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010, in Washington.

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### San Jose.

Porter broke free from Sharks defenseman Kent Huskins and beat goalie Antero Niittymaki with a low shot as Porter was tumbling to the ice.

Trailing 3-1 midway through the third period, the Avalanche tied the game with goals from Chris Stewart and Paul Stastny.

Kevin Shattenkirk also scored for the Avalanche, his first NHL goal.

Logan Couture, Dan Boyle and Mike Moore scored for the Sharks, who had their winning streak halted at three games.

### Hurricanes 7, Senators 1

In Raleigh, North Carolina, Eric Staal had three goals, including the 200th of his career, and two assists as Carolina routed Ottawa.

**In other NHL games Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Islanders 2; Boston 3, N.Y. Rangers 2; Pittsburgh 3, Vancouver 1; Washington 4, Buffalo 2; Carolina 7, Ottawa 1; Florida 2, Atlanta 1; Detroit 7, St. Louis 3; Minnesota 2, Anaheim 1, OT; Colorado 4, San Jose 3, OT; Phoenix 3, Calgary 1; Chicago 5, Edmonton 0; and Columbus 5, Los Angeles 3.**

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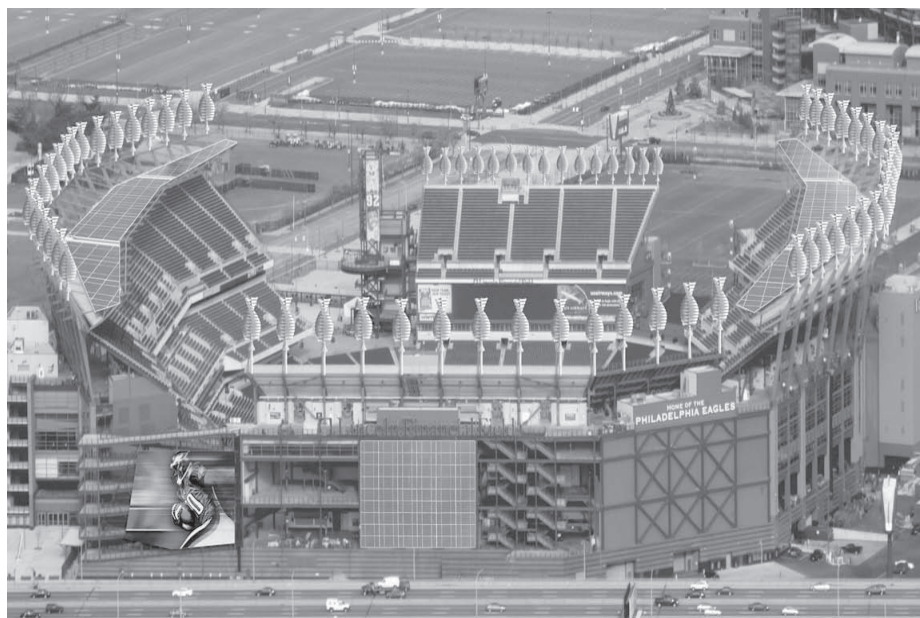


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# Eagles going even greener with wind, solar power



In this artist rendering provided by the Philadelphia Eagles and Solar Blue on Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010, Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia is shown after it undergoes renovations that will make the stadium self-sufficient and let the Eagles sell some power back to the electric grid.

By ERIN VANDERBERG  
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA – The Philadelphia Eagles are taking their gridiron off the grid.

The team said Thursday that it will add wind turbines, solar panels and a cogeneration plant at Lincoln Financial Field over the next year, a combination that will make the

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stadium self-sufficient and let the Eagles sell some power back to the electric grid.

Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie said the plan was part of the Eagles commitment to be a socially responsible organization. “Owning an NFL team, I think you have an opportunity to lead the way,” Lurie told The Associated Press. “It’s a public building seen across the country and, sometimes, the world.”

Under the plan, approximately 80 spiral-shaped wind turbines will be mounted on the stadium’s roof and 2,500 solar panels attached to the stadium’s facade. Together, they will contribute an estimated 30 percent to the total energy production.

An onsite “dual-fuel” cogeneration plant, a small power plant that captures its heat for increased efficiency, powered by biodiesel and natural gas will contribute the rest of the energy. The system is designed to produce at least 8.6 megawatts of power, enough to meet the stadium’s peak energy use of around 7 megawatts.

The construction project will employ an estimated 200 workers over the course of the next year.

SolarBlue, an Orlando, Fla.-based renewable energy company, will pay \$30 million to install and run the system for 20 years. The team will pay the firm for its power, the cost of which will increase at a fixed 3 percent annual rate.

The project is expected to be finished by September, and the team estimates it will save \$60 million in energy costs. SolarBlue is also currently working with the Boston Red Sox on an energy conservation project at Fenway Park.

No government grants were sought, but the project will benefit from renewable energy incentives, SolarBlue Chairman Lee Maher said.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said the Eagles have initiated a sustainability trend in the league. “The NFL is one of the most competitive clubs in the world,” Goodell said. “That’s because our clubs are competitive with one another.” □



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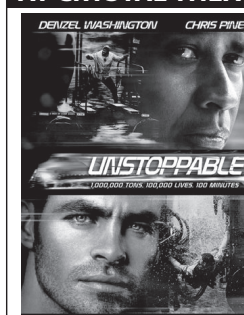
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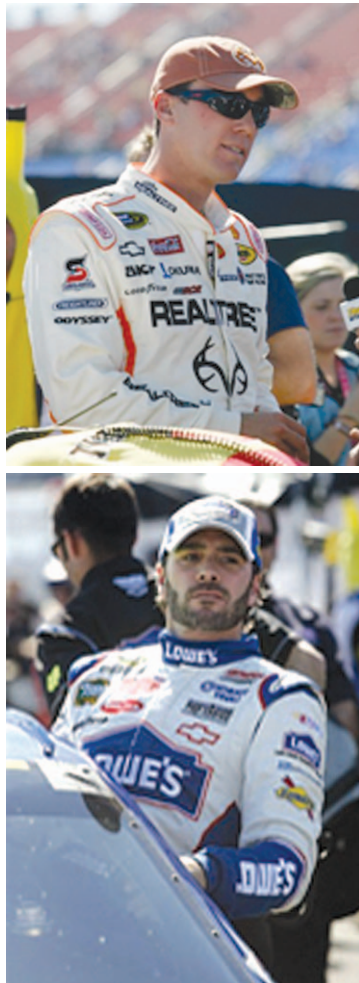
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# Pressure on points leader Hamlin going into finale



From left are 2010, file photos showing NASCAR's three title contenders from left, Kevin Harvick, Jimmie Johnson and Denny Hamlin. The season finale is Sunday, Nov. 21 at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

CORAL GABLES, Florida (AP) — Look out, Denny Hamlin. Jimmie Johnson and Kevin Harvick are right behind you — and they're making sure you know it.

With the title up for grabs in Sunday's season finale, Johnson and Harvick are doing their best to turn up the heat on NASCAR's points leader.

Johnson, the four-time defending series champion, was his usual model of California cool during Thursday's news conference to preview the closest title race in Chase for the Sprint Cup championship history. Harvick was his typically mischievous self, facing every question with blunt honesty and never passing on an opportunity to needle the competition — well, mostly just Hamlin.

"This has been one of the most awkward 30 minutes I've been through," Hamlin squirmed about halfway through the session.

Stuck on a podium between the two drivers trying to stop him from winning his first NASCAR title, Hamlin, on the day of his 30th birthday, didn't participate in the generally good-natured — but pointed — mudslinging being tossed at him from both sides.

"He definitely seems like the most nervous," Harvick said, nodding at Hamlin.

"For us, I mean, we have nothing to lose. This guy does," Johnson said, putting his arm around Hamlin.

On and on it went for more than an hour, as reading body language became important during the many awkward silences.

Harvick made at least two jokes about Hamlin using the same carburetor he had last week in Phoenix, when his car was unable to make it to the finish on fuel. The gaffe cost Hamlin a more sizable lead in the standings heading into Sunday's race at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

Had Hamlin not needed to

*Associated Press* make a late fuel stop, he likely would have taken a lead of almost 60 points into the finale. Instead, he's up by 15 over Johnson and 46 over Harvick in the closest race since the Chase made its debut in 2004.

Hamlin recognized the lost opportunity immediately after Sunday's race, and still showed the marks of his frustration four days later.

"It was frustrating for a little while. I got the bloody knuckles to prove it," he said. "We're all going to have emotions on those kind of days."

He insisted, though, there are no lingering issues from the disappointment in the desert and he came to Miami with a clear head, focused on the task at hand. "When I said I was leaving Phoenix, I left Phoenix, it was over with," he said. "It was completely over with. The only time I relived it is when I got home, I do my normal thing, always rewatch the races no matter what to learn as much as I

can.

"Once that I was done, turned the TV off, thought about it a little bit before I went to bed. When I woke up the next day, just kept myself busy."

Johnson has the experience of participating in the six Chases all the way to the finale. He lost to Kurt Busch by just eight points in 2004, and a blown tire prevented him from challenging Tony Stewart in 2005. The next four years belonged to him. He's had the title pretty much in hand by the time he's gotten to the finale, and he hasn't had to race very hard at Homestead since 2005.

Harvick has proven to be unflappable since he was rushed into the Cup Series as the replacement driver following Dale Earnhardt's death in the 2001 Daytona 500. Very little rattles the driver known as "Happy," a bizarre moniker for a guy known for his sharp tongue and the masterful mind games he plays with competitors.

Hamlin, on the other hand, has yet to be in this position during his NASCAR career. Nobody has any idea how he'll handle the stress Sunday, and if he'll be able to hold off two drivers who seemed far more relaxed than he did on the podium. When the news conference

was over, Hamlin broke into a wide smile as he stood next to Johnson and Harvick, both stone-faced, with the Sprint Cup trophy. They all then went their separate ways, and Hamlin insisted he was unrattled.

"It's almost endearing ... we say the things that we say about each other and our teams because it's so close," he said. "You're looking for any advantage. If you can get into a guy's head, then that's going to be an advantage."

A week ago, Johnson said he never gets too caught up in mind games and chooses instead to focus only on what he personally has to do. Those who waste time on playing games, Johnson theorized, "are almost Jedi mind-tricking themselves." We'll see in the final race what the effects of Thursday's show will be, but Hamlin seemed convinced he's unaffected.

"I'm not afraid to hear what people have to say, and critics and whatnot, because ultimately anything negative that I hear is fuel," Hamlin said. "I prefer to stay busy and things like that because the more I think about it, the more nervous you get."

"And really, this shouldn't be a nervous time. This should be a very exciting time in my career." □

# FEAR

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Baseball commissioner Bud Selig speaks at a news conference during baseball's general managers meetings in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010.

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ORLANDO, Fla. — Commissioner Bud Selig's plan to expand baseball's playoffs to 10 teams seemed inevitable after little to no opposition emerged during meetings this week with owners and general managers. Because baseball's labor contract runs to December 2011, the extra round of playoffs is not likely to start until 2012. Selig said his special 14-man committee will discuss adding two wild-card teams when it meets Dec. 7 during the winter meetings in nearby Lake Buena Vista. "We will move ahead, and move ahead pretty quickly," Selig said Thursday after three

days of meetings concluded.

A change would have to be approved by owners, who next meet Jan. 12-13 in Paradise Valley, Ariz., and by the players' association, which has said it is open to the extra round. The additional games also would have to be sold to baseball's national television partners and slotted into a crowded schedule that already has pushed the World Series into November in the past two years.

"I'm not going to rule out anything," Selig said. "We'll just proceed and whatever we decide, then we'll just see how fast we can get it done. Once we pass something, I'm always anxious to get it done." Selig's committee includes

## Expanded playoffs appear inevitable

managers Tony La Russa, Jim Leyland and Mike Scioscia, and former manager Joe Torre. There would be two wild-card teams in each league, and the wild-card teams would meet to determine which advances to division series with the three first-place teams in each league.

"I think it's definitely worth looking at. I have no problem with that," Yankees co-owner Hank Steinbrenner said.

Some would have the new round be best-of-three, and others would have it as a one-game winner-take-all. The mechanics appear to be at issue more than the concept.

"I pretty much know where all the constituencies are now," Selig said. "Eight is a very fair number but so is 10."

Before leaving the meeting, Texas Rangers president Nolan Ryan agreed with the premise that the extra round of playoffs was more a matter of how than if.

"I think that's right," he said. Baseball doubled its postseason teams to four in 1969 and again to eight in 1995, a year later than intended because of a players' strike that wiped out the 1994 World Series. The vote to first add wild cards took place in

September 1993.

"I got ripped and torn apart, and it was pretty bad," Selig said. "If I had defiled motherhood I don't think I could have gotten ripped any more than I did. But now it's fascinating to me. Now they not only like it so much, they want more of it."

The regular-season schedule will almost certainly not be reduced from 162 games.

"There's not much interest in that," he said.

Selig's committee also will discuss whether to expand video review of umpires' calls, which began in August 2008.

Its use has been limited to whether potential home runs went over fences and were fair or foul. "It doesn't hurt to expand it some and have it for a few other things, like plays at first base," Steinbrenner said. "I've always been for as much instant replay as you can get in a sport. The NFL, at least, has that right."

Selig has said he's against an expansion but willing to consider it.

"There are opinions everywhere on that," he said. "Managers have opinions. General managers have opinions. Owners have opinions. I want to hear them

all and look at them."

A consensus also appeared to have developed to propose a slotting system for amateur draft picks and possibly a worldwide draft when collective bargaining begins next year.

While there is a sense the NFL, the NBA and the NHL could be headed for labor strife, baseball players and owners anticipate stoppage-free bargaining. Baseball hasn't had a strike or lockout since the 7 1/2-month walkout in 1994-95, and Selig termed current dealings with the union "a constructive relationship."

"Nobody ever could have dreamed we'd have 16 years of labor peace," Selig said. "In American labor history, as I someday will say if I ever get around to writing my book, it probably was as bad a relationship as ever existed." Selig also said:

Baseball's revenue will total nearly \$7 billion this year, a record.

He was declining comment on Anheuser-Busch's lawsuit against the sport, which accuses MLB of improperly trying to back out of an April agreement to extend the company's exclusive sponsorship deal. □

## Star power slow to come for middleweight champ

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NEW YORK (AP) — Becoming a star in boxing at 35 isn't easy. The conventional blueprint dictates starting young, often as early as 18, to develop name recognition.

Perhaps that's why most would be hard-pressed to identify the current middleweight king.

Meet Sergio Gabriel Martinez, a charismatic fighter from Argentina with a face that belongs in Giorgio Armani ads — when it hasn't been punched lately. He's well-spoken and respectful, with an easygoing attitude.

But one of the best fighters in the world has only plied his trade in the United States a handful of times, including a bloody destruction of Kelly Pavlik this year to lay claim to the 160-pound throne. So despite an all-action style that has given boxing some of its best recent fights, Martinez remains something of a mystery to all but the most ardent fans.

"Just look at him," promoter Lou DiBella often says. "He should be a movie star!"

Martinez is hoping for a breakthrough performance Saturday night against Paul Williams at Atlantic City's Boardwalk Hall in a fight that will be televised live on HBO.

It's a rematch of their meeting last December, when

both hit the deck in the first round and traded blows the rest of the way in a candidate for Fight of the Year. Williams, a three-time champion, ended up winning a controversial mixed decision.

That fight was held in the smaller ballroom just off the boardwalk.

This one is moving to the main arena, a sign that the world is starting to realize Martinez.

"You have, in my mind, two guys in Paul and Sergio who can scream out loud they're as good as the top two fighters in the world, because they're not given the opportunity to prove they're not," DiBella said, referring to superstars like Manny Pacquiao and Floyd Mayweather Jr., who have been reluctant to move step into the ring with Williams and Martinez. "Really, what this is a battle for is to decide temporarily who is third," DiBella said, "and if they're ever given the opportunity, the chance to establish they're pound-for-pound the best fighters in the world."

Martinez came to boxing relatively late at age 22, and likes to say he's a young 35. The first time he fought outside of his country, he was starched in seven round by former welterweight champion Antonio Margarito.

He quickly returned to Argentina and won before eventually moving to Spain and the junior

middleweight division. He kept fighting in small arenas across Europe until he hooked up with respected manager Sampson Lewkowicz. Along with DiBella's help, they ventured to American two years ago and shot to the top of the boxing ladder.

Even though Mayweather has fought at 154 pounds, and Pacquiao just claimed a title in the division, DiBella realizes that there's almost no shot that either of them winds up in the ring with Martinez, who has fought so much of his career at junior middleweight. That's one of the reasons he's back in the ring with Williams, and why the discussion Wednesday turned to the potential for a trilogy regardless of what happens in their rematch.

"I will fight only important fights, and definitely Paul Williams will be important in the future," Martinez said through a translator. "So I will fight him any time he wants."

Williams said he's willing to fight anybody, regardless of the place and time, though his promoter Dan Goossen was quick to put the brakes on discussing anything beyond this weekend. He remembers the brutal fight of less than a year ago.

"We've read a lot of stories the last few months about the fans, media, everyone wanted to see the biggest and best fights that could be made," Goossen said. "No argument this is one of those fights." □



# RIM's PlayBook piques interest of core customers

TORONTO — If all goes according to Research in Motion's plan, its touchscreen PlayBook will halt the erosion of its hold on the corporate must-have gadget list, offering safety and control to a security-conscious audience. RIM, whose BlackBerry has long been an essential corporate companion, is banking on interest from enterprises as it readies to move small numbers of the hand-sized tablet to select clients later this year.

"When you're transmitting sensitive member information that was our number one priority- to make sure we had the best security protocols," said Tom Reid, a senior vice president at Sun Life Financial, which plans an initial order for between 500 and 1,000 devices and may expand that.

The Canadian insurer, which has C\$44 billion (\$43 billion) under management, says it will use the device to enroll employees to their company's retirement plans securely.

ING Groep's Canadian unit is developing a consumer-facing banking application for the PlayBook and considering using the device to replace laptops.

"If RIM lives up to what it has promised seamless, out of the box connectivity to the existing infrastructure we can address a business need very, very quickly without making major investments," said Charaka Kithulegoda, chief information officer for the unit.

BlackBerry-maker RIM unveiled its 7-inch touchscreen PlayBook in September. But the gadget, a possible competitor to Apple's consumer-friendly iPad, won't go on sale until early in 2011, missing the busy holiday season.

Analysts have estimated RIM will ship between 2 million and 4 million PlayBook tablets in its fiscal 2012, which begins in late February 2011.

The iPad has been an unqualified hit since its launch last April Apple has sold more than 7 million iPads already, and analysts expect another 5 million holiday-quarter sales. "RIM will fit in very nicely in those segments where security is paramount," said analyst Carolina Milanese from Gartner, which expects total tablet sales to balloon to 54 million in 2011 and more than 100 million in 2012. "For a lot of enterprises, that is not

so important."

Detailed projections for such a nascent market are difficult, but some analysts suggest enterprise use may account for up to 40 percent of the overall market.

Success of the PlayBook would go some way to countering the serious threat that RIM faces to its stranglehold on corporate communications as companies let employees use Apple's iPhone and smartphones running on Google's Android operating system for corporate email.

Apple has said 65 percent of Fortune 100 companies are already deploying or piloting the iPad, including Procter & Gamble, Hyatt, and Novartis. Samsung, Dell and Hewlett-Packard have launched competing devices and others are expected from companies including Acer and Lenovo.

But for some, RIM with its ability to offer security and give companies control over all devices, or individual ones-remains the only choice.

Philadelphia-based law firm Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, which employs 195 attorneys, cited legal requirements to protect client information to explain its interest in the PlayBook.



"Can you imagine how embarrassing it would be to call up one of our clients and say we've lost a device with your content on it and we're unable to remote wipe it and the data wasn't encrypted," the firm's director of information technology, Michael Folkes, said in an interview.

He said some attorneys were using personal iPads, but the firm does not allow their use for client data and would not consider supplying them due to a lack of control.

"Once we start to offer the PlayBook as a business tool, I think we will find that the iPad user after a few months will come back and say can I get a PlayBook too," he said.

Stradley Ronon will receive two trial units early next year and, assuming the firm is happy with the devices, would

likely place an larger order no more than six weeks later.

But it's not just lawyers, bankers and pension funds who are eyeing the PlayBook, which RIM says will sell for below \$500 the retail price of a basic iPad.

Lake Travis school district in Texas may provide more than half of its 7,000 students with PlayBooks to access online curriculum in a cheaper alternative to laptops, assistant superintendent Sean Casey said.

Shares in RIM were up 2.2 percent to \$57.14 on the Nasdaq and 1.9 percent higher at C\$58.38 on the Toronto Stock Exchange by early afternoon on Thursday. The shares have jumped 35 percent from a trough in August but are 14 percent lower than at the start of the year. □

## Microsoft's Kin phones are revived—sort of—by Verizon



Yep, the rumors were true. After flopping over the summer, Microsoft's failed Kin messaging sliders are back on sale on Verizon Wireless. Although in the interest of lower data fees, they no longer do everything they used to.

Available now don't everyone

flood Verizon's website all at once the Kin One and Two (or, to be more precise, the "ONEm" and "TWOm") are selling for \$120 and \$220, respectively, or \$20 and \$50 with two-year contracts.

The Kin One comes with a 5-megapixel camera and 4GB

of onboard storage, while the larger, pricier Kin Two has an 8MP camera and 8GB of storage. Both phones boast slide-out QWERTY keyboards, Wi-Fi and Bluetooth.

Launched with great fanfare back in May, the two Kins represented Microsoft's stab at young (and mobile) social networkers. Both handsets featured something called the Kin Loop: a steady stream of Facebook, Twitter, MySpace and Windows Live updates.

At the bottom of the screen was the Kin Spot, a little icon upon which you could drag snapshots, URLs and anything else you wanted to share with your fellow social networkers. And the Kin Studio was a private webpage that organized all your daily Kin activity phone calls, text messages, status updates, everything into a minute-to-minute timeline.

That's all gone now. Instead, Kin ONEm and TWOm owners who want to use Facebook or Twitter will have to do so over the standard Kin browser.

It's a drag especially given that the Kin Loop and Studio were the best things about the otherwise poorly reviewed handsets but at least users will no longer be forced to fork over \$30 a month in data fees. Now your options include \$10 a month for 25MB of data, or \$1.99 per MB on a pay-as-you-go basis.

The possibility of the Kins returning to Verizon cropped up last week after PPCGeeks posted a leaked carrier road map listing the two handsets, which had been reclassified as "feature" phones rather than full-fledged smartphones.

The two Kin sliders had barely been on sale for two months when Verizon slashed prices on

the phones. Shortly afterward, Microsoft unceremoniously announced that it would cease development on the handsets.

Reviewers of the Kins weren't that kind either (myself included), saying that the phones were sluggish, too pricey considering the features, and lacked essentials like a microSD slot, a mapping app or an app store of any kind.

In any case, it looks like Verizon is hoping to clear its inventory of unsold Kins by repositioning them as cheaper "feature" phones, but I'd expected that at least the lower-end Kin One would be free with a two-year contract. Instead, it's \$20 with a two-year commitment, while the Kin Two is \$50 or just as much as the Two was selling for after Verizon chopped its original \$99 price tag. Oh well. So, anyone willing to give the Kin another try? □



# Royal wedding challenge: Make it grand, yet cheap



LONDON – It's a wedding planner's nightmare.

The nuptials of Prince William and Kate Middleton have to satisfy the bride's family and the groom's royal relatives but also a supportive but recession-weary British public. It must be grand, but not ostentatious; regal, but with a common touch; expensive but not a drain on taxpayers worried about their jobs and the nation's fragile economy.

"I don't even have enough money for my own wedding, let alone theirs," said Scott Northgrave, 39, a London construction worker. "They have a fortune, why not use it?"

Who will foot the bill for the wedding, likely to be millions of pounds (dollars), is still

being worked out, but the royal family knows they must not seem out of touch with the public's cash-strapped mood. William's office says "the couple are mindful of the current economic situation."

Because William is second in line to the throne after his father, Prince Charles, the ceremony will not be a formal state occasion like the wedding of his grandmother the queen, then Princess Elizabeth, in 1947, or of Charles to Lady Diana Spencer in 1981. Both Elizabeth and Charles were heirs to the British throne.

Still, British Prime Minister David Cameron said it would be hard to resist giving the country a day off to celebrate.

"There would be a great temptation to have a public holiday, a day of national

celebration," Cameron said, giving evidence to lawmakers Thursday.

Nor will the wedding lack in grandeur. Westminster Abbey is the leading contender for a venue after Middleton was photographed leaving the central London landmark on Wednesday evening.

"Miss Middleton paid a short, private visit to Westminster Abbey in order to be able to consider it as an option," William's office said Thursday. "The couple wish for a little more time to be able to consult family members and make a decision for themselves."

A spokesman for the abbey refused to comment, but it is, in many ways, the perfect venue.

The 1,000-year-old church where British kings and queens are crowned is grand but surprisingly homey, crowded with the tombs of poets, politicians and 17 monarchs.

It has both happy and sad memories for the royal family. The queen and her late mother both married there, and Princess Diana's funeral was held there in 1997.

It can hold 2,200 people plenty of room for guests and does not cost anything to book. It is also likely to be available, since the list of people allowed to marry there is limited to members of the royal family, abbey staff and members of the ceremonial Order of the Bath and their families. About a dozen weddings a year are held there.

Money for the festivities could

come from the annual 7.9 million pounds (\$11.6 million) in government funding given to the royal household to pay for salaries and official functions, or from the queen's personal wealth. Charles is also expected to pay some of the bill, and Middleton's parents self-made millionaires who run a party-planning business will probably also help out.

"I'd imagine that the Middletons would like to make some contribution," said Charles Kidd, editor of Debrett's Peerage and Baronetage, a guide to etiquette and the aristocracy.

"I'm sure they would like to have a significant role in making the wedding run smoothly. They would pay for something as part of the reception, or the honeymoon, perhaps," he said.

At the very least, taxpayers will have foot the bill for security, including the large number of police on duty that day. Further public funding would have to be approved by Parliament and could spark a backlash although some Britons said they'd be willing to contribute.

"If everyone paid out maybe five or 10 pounds (\$8 to \$16), just think how that would add up," said retiree Susan Dowling, 74. "I'm excited for this wedding and I'll surely help out."

Julie Marks, a 25-year-old London chef, was also willing to chip in.

"I'd pay 50 pounds (\$80) tops," she said. "But if everyone did,

it would certainly help."

Analysts say the wedding will be an economic boon for Britain. Neil Saunders, consulting director at Verdict retail analysts, said the economic kick from the wedding could reach 620 million pounds (\$985 million). "If, as expected, it is a big set-piece event, it could well capture the nation's imagination and provide a fillip (boost) to the retail sector," he said.

Saunders said sales of food and champagne for private celebrations could be worth 360 million pounds (\$575 million) and tourism could benefit by more than 200 million pounds (\$320 million). David Buik, market analyst at BGC Partners in London, said he was "much looking forward to the William and Kate feel-good factor taking effect on our economy and our morale."

In addition to an expected hotel, restaurant and retail boom from tourists traveling to London for the occasion, retailers are rushing to cash in with Kate-and-Wills merchandise.

Asda, Wal-Mart's British supermarket chain, tweeted glad tidings that a commemorative mug would be available soon for 5 pounds (\$8).

The royal wedding could also help raise the spirits of a country still recovering from the worst economic downturn in half a century, and facing the unknown impact of deep government spending cuts. □



## Long, Light and Lean: Calvin Klein Spring 2011

New York – The stark white show space on the ground floor of the Calvin Klein headquarters was given a sunny jolt with warmer-weather wares modeled by a few languorous pretty young things lounging on white cushions and getting sand - yes, sand! - in between their toes at the Calvin Klein apparel and accessories, ck One Jeans and ck One Underwear Spring 2011 presentation in New York on Tuesday, Nov. 16.

Imported sand strewn across the floor drove home the theme of carefree summer vacations and was just the right setting for emphasizing a new type of minimalism and a long, lean silhouette that Calvin

Klein men's and women's creative director Kevin Carrigan characterized as "natural glamour."

"I wanted the clothes to evoke kind of an ease of purity, natural fabrics, everything very languid," said Carrigan. "Be a free spirit, go on vacation and pack some fabulous clothes with you!"

With soft, sensual natural fabrics like organic cupro, silk charmeuse, linen and cotton, Carrigan crafted a collection that was as fluid as a ship's sails on the open seas.

"There are no hard lines," said Carrigan. "I wanted all the lines to be very based on the curve."

Those soft lines even carried over into more tailored pieces, like a button-down shirt that might normally be in poplin, instead cut from silk charmeuse, or an unlined tencel pantsuit with a belted pajama pant.

"Last season, the lines were quite severe, and I wanted to soften up the severity," he explained. "I just felt like I wanted women to enjoy clothes again."

Part of that enjoyment might stem from Carrigan's use of sensuous, luxurious-feeling fabrics.

"All the fabrics almost feel like skin, or sanded finishes, almost like when you scuff your skin at the beach," he said. □



# BUSINESS

## Aruba TODAY

### Factory, job data show some economic strength

WASHINGTON — New U.S. claims for jobless benefits barely rose last week and manufacturing activity in the country's Mid-Atlantic region touched a near one-year high in November, more proof the economy was regaining momentum.

The improving economic picture also was enhanced by another report on Thursday showing a gauge of future activity increased 0.5 percent in October.

However, the data are not robust enough to deter the Federal Reserve from fully implementing its much criticized program to purchase \$600 billion worth of government debt to push already low interest rates down to stimulate the economy.

"This is still going to remain a half-speed recovery, but certainly the numbers were are seeing are a little on the encouraging side, suggesting

that maybe we will see a little bit of acceleration going into the new year," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's in New York.

Initial claims for state unemployment benefits climbed 2,000 to a seasonally adjusted 439,000, the Labor Department. But the four-week average, considered a better measure of underlying labor market trends, fell to a fresh two-year low.

Economists had forecast claims to rise to 440,000.

**PHILLY FED INDEX JUMPS**  
In a separate report, the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank said its business activity index soared to 22.5 this month -- the highest since December -- from 1.0 in October.

The rise beat market expectations for 5.0. Any reading above zero indicates expansion in the region's manufacturing.

The economic data boosted U.S. stocks, which were already trading higher as fears over Ireland's debt crisis faded on expectations the country would receive emergency funding from the European partners and the International Monetary Fund.

Prices for safe-haven U.S. government debt fell. The dollar rose against the yen, but fell against the euro.

The weekly claims data covered the survey week for the government's employment report for November. Though claims have been too volatile to provide a good prediction of nonfarm payrolls, analysts expect payrolls to expand again in November.

Payrolls data showed employers adding jobs last month for the first time since May. The anemic labor market was a key factor in the Federal Reserve's controversial November 3 decision to pump



more money into the economy to spur the recovery.

The Philadelphia Fed survey also showed the employment index at highest since August 2007.

The claims data showed the number of people still receiving benefits after an initial week of aid fell 48,000 to 4.3 million in the week ended November 6, in line with expectations and the lowest since November 2008.

The number of people on

emergency unemployment benefits rose 66,767 to 3.97 million in the week ended October 30. A total of 8.85 million people were claiming unemployment benefits during that period under all programs.

Jobless benefits for 800,000 people will expire on November 30 unless Congress renews them. In total, two million unemployed people would lose benefits by the end of December. **q**

### Lawmakers hit banks, regulators on foreclosures

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers pressed major banks and federal regulators on Thursday to explain how they allowed faulty paperwork problems to fester into a controversy that could slow home sales and raise costs for new borrowers. Major lenders admitted to sloppy documentation in testimony to a House of Representatives' subcommittee but said they had taken steps to tighten procedures and that the basis of their foreclosures has been accurate.

It was the second congressional hearing this week into revelations that lenders have used "robo-signers" to sign hundreds of foreclosure documents a day without proper legal reviews. "I want to know, given the problems in the mortgage servicing industry problems which have been apparent for

years- what are government and industry witnesses intend to do to fix these problems and why any of them should keep their jobs," said Maxine Waters, who chairs the House Financial Services housing subcommittee.

Officials from the Federal Reserve and other bank regulators were appearing along with executives from Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase, Wells Fargo, Citigroup, and Ally Financial.

Mortgage servicing and foreclosure practices are being investigated by both federal officials and all 50 state attorneys general.

John Walsh, acting comptroller of the currency, said the problems were isolated at specific institutions, rather than a widespread industry issue. "I am not aware of a reason to believe there is a systemic failing of the

system," he said.

The paperwork fiasco has reignited public anger with banks that received billions of dollars in taxpayer aid during the financial crisis.

A leading Republican on the subcommittee, however, said he is pleased with the steps banks have taken to deal with the paperwork problems.

Randy Neugebauer said he was concerned that delinquent borrowers and their lawyers were seizing on the issue.

He said this could force delays in completing legitimate foreclosures and result in higher fees and interest rates for borrowers who are making their payments. "That's just not right," said Neugebauer.

Federal banking regulators warned in prepared testimony that banks could face fines or criminal referrals if widespread problems are found in foreclosure documents used to



evict hundreds of thousands of homeowners.

The Fed and other bank overseers are also advising lenders to maintain sufficient capital to cover any losses associated with documentation problems, including delays in the sale of foreclosed properties.

Fresh data released on Thursday showed the U.S. housing recovery is still uneven. The mortgage delinquency rate declined last quarter amid hints of

improvement in the job market, but that bit of good news was countered by headwinds from defaults and rising foreclosure starts, the Mortgage Bankers Association said on Thursday. Top bank executives have said this week they want a settlement soon of the states' probe but the attorneys general have said a deal could be months away.

Any settlement is likely to require banks to make greater efforts to keep borrowers in their homes. **q**



## HEALTH

Aruba TODAY

## Gov't says full-body scanners at airports are safe

CHICAGO — They look a little like giant refrigerators and pack a radiation dose big enough to peer through clothing for bombs or weapons, yet too minuscule to be harmful, federal officials insist. As the government rolls out hundreds more full-body scanners at airports just in time for crowds of holiday travelers, it is working to reassure the public that the machines are safe.

An independent group of experts agrees, as long as radiation doses are kept within the low limits set for the scanners. Still, a few scientists worry that machines might malfunction, raising the risk of cancer.

The Transportation Security Administration says radiation from one scan is about the same as a person would get from flying for about three minutes in an airplane at 30,000 feet, where atmospheric radiation levels are higher than on the ground. That amount is vastly lower than a single dental X-ray.

You would have to go through scanners more than 1,000 times in one year to even meet the maximum recommended level and even pilots don't do that.

"We are confident that full-body X-ray security products and practices do not pose a significant risk to the public health," officials from the Food and Drug Administration and the TSA wrote in a letter last month to White House science adviser John Holdren. Yet ripples of concern have surfaced among some passengers fearful about excess radiation, among some flight crews already overexposed to radiation in the air and even among a few scientists.

"The thing that worries me the most is what happens if the thing fails in some way" and emits too much radiation,



said Arizona State University physics professor Peter Rez.

The risk for failure is higher than in a medical setting because the machines are operated much more often, and by TSA workers without medical training, Rez said.

American Airlines pilot Sam Mayer said pilots he knows are opting out of being scanned.

"All they're telling the public is that it's fine. We're looking for some science" to back that up, Mayer said. The FDA says the science does establish the machines' safety.

Airline pilots and other flight crew members face a slightly increased lifetime risk of developing cancer, about 1 percent higher than the general population, according to the Health Physics Society, a nonprofit group of scientists and other professionals involved in radiation safety.

"Radiation has always been a concern of pilots because of what we do," Mayer said. "This is just one more exposure on top of what we're getting."

Mayer stressed that pilots are equally upset with the TSA's option for people who don't want full-body scans body

pat-downs that critics say are akin to groping.

"We want the TSA to stop the bad guys, and that's not us," Mayer said.

About 385 scanners, each costing up to \$170,000, are already in place at more than 60 airports. The TSA is adding more and expects to have 500 total in place by year's end.

About half are what are known as millimeter-wave units, made by L-3 Communications, which are not the focus of safety concerns because they emit a less potent kind of radiation. The remaining machines are Rapiscan System's "backscatter" scanners, which emit X-ray-like ionizing radiation. This kind of radiation in larger doses can cause cell changes leading to cancer.

"From a strictly radiation-safety standpoint, there would be no concern" with either type of scanner, said Richard Morin, a radiology specialist at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla. "For both of them, levels for radiation are pretty much insignificant."

The Health Physics Society says the screening is justified if radiation doses do not

exceed standard limits, and if the public is informed of the radiation exposure.

The National Council on Radiation Protection & Measurements, an independent group that advises the government on radiation issues, examined backscatter screening at the request of the Food and Drug Administration. It said non-ionizing scanners should be considered first, if possible. But it also recommended limits for backscatter radiation and said health risks would be minimal if doses were below those limits. The government insists that they are.

David Schauer, the council's executive director, says he has no qualms about being scanned by backscatter devices, and would allow his three sons to be scanned, too. TSA spokesman Nick Kimball said Thursday that both types of scanners are safe, cost about the same and are similarly effective. He said the TSA chose to use both types to keep the process competitive and to "drive innovation."

He noted that unlike medical workers who deal with more potent radiation, TSA

employees do not need to wear protective gear while operating the scanners.

Scanners are tested for safety before being set up at airports and tested again periodically once they are in place, said Daniel Kassiday, an FDA radiation expert.

The FDA has estimated that the risk of fatal cancer from the maximum allowable dose would be 1 in 80 million per backscatter screening. And doses from a single scan are considerably lower than the maximum, Kassiday said.

By comparison, the chance of dying in a car driven for 40 miles are 1 in 1 million.

Rez agrees the odds of getting cancer from the scanners may be low. But he calculates it's about the same as the chance of being on a plane blown up by terrorists. And he says that makes mass scanning not worth the effort.

The government says independent testing proved the airport scanners are safe. Johns Hopkins University's Applied Physics Laboratory did independent tests but only to determine how much radiation the devices emit, not to examine safety, said Helen Worth, a lab spokeswoman.

The amount of radiation the devices emit in a lab setting versus real-world use may be different, and a group of scientists from the University of California at San Francisco argues that tougher safety testing is needed.

The four scientists expressed their concerns in an April 6 letter to Holdren, the White House adviser. It took him six months to respond.

Though the scanner images do not reveal what's beneath the skin's surface, the radiation they emit could potentially affect breast tissue, sex organs and eyes, said David Agard, an imaging expert at the University of California at San Francisco. □



# Hong Kong confirms first human case of bird flu since 2003

**HONG KONG** – Hong Kong scrambled Thursday to contain any outbreak of bird flu, seeking to reassure the public after the teeming city recorded its first human case of the illness since 2003.

The government has raised its avian influenza alert level to “serious”, meaning there is a “high risk” of people contracting the potentially fatal disease, a spokesman for the Department of Health told AFP.

But officials said there was little risk of person-to-person transmission, after a 59-year-old woman tested positive for Influenza A (H5), a variant of bird flu. She was in a serious condition in a hospital isolation ward.

Hong Kong recorded its last human case of bird flu in 2003, and had the world’s first major outbreak among humans in 1997, when six people died of a mutation of the virus, which is normally confined to poultry.

Millions of poultry were culled in the 1997 outbreak, which previewed the full-blown panic that struck Hong Kong when the deadly respiratory disease SARS emerged in 2003, killing about 300 people.

Public anxiety returned to the city of seven million people last year with an outbreak of swine flu that has so far claimed about 80 lives.

Bird store owners in the packed shopping district of Mongkok complained their business had never recovered from the public health scares of recent years, which prompted Hong Kong to launch major hygiene campaigns.

“In 30 years I’ve been in this business, I have never seen trade so bad. It has really hit rock bottom,” one store owner aged in his 60s and surnamed Lo told reporters.

“People always talk about how dangerous the bird flu is. It has really hit us hard,” he complained, as health officials gathered samples of bird droppings to run tests for



the influenza strain.

The latest bird flu patient had recently visited the mainland Chinese cities of Nanjing, Shanghai and Hangzhou, but officials said it was too early to say where or how she contracted the disease.

Hong Kong health chief York Chow tried to downplay fears of a wider outbreak in the densely populated city.

“In general, we think that the risk of avian influenza (spreading) in Hong Kong is not significantly higher than before,” he told reporters.

The World Health Organisation said it was not changing its risk assessment of avian flu following the Hong Kong case, saying it fit with the “existing pattern of occasional human infection”.

Nevertheless, Chow said the government had stepped up poultry inspections at wholesale markets and enhanced infection controls at public hospitals and clinics.

Visits to isolation wards in public hospitals have been banned, except on compassionate grounds, he said. All visitors were required to put on masks and wash hands before entering public hospitals.

Chow said there was no sign so far of human-to-human transmission in the new case, and the woman likely got the

disease by coming into contact with infected poultry.

“But we will be concentrating on people who were in contact with her when she showed symptoms and also when she was in Hong Kong.”

Microbiologist Leo Poon from the University of Hong Kong agreed it was likely to be a one-off case and did not pose a serious threat to the city.

“At this stage, the threat is not too big... We believe this is an isolated case,” he said, adding that chance of the virus spreading between humans was very slim.

The female patient travelled to mainland China between October 23 and November 1 with her husband and daughter, the Department of Health’s Centre for Health Protection said in a statement.

Tests on three of the ill woman’s family and five other patients who shared a cubicle with her in a hospital ward came back negative, the department said, although the group remained in quarantine. Three people who shared a meal with the patient on November 11 had also been traced and none had a fever.

Hong Kong was working closely with mainland Chinese authorities to monitor the situation, a spokesman for the Centre for Health Protection said. □

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# First Alien Planet From Another Galaxy Discovered



Astronomers have confirmed the first discovery of an alien planet in our Milky Way that came from another galaxy, they announced yesterday (Nov. 18).

The Jupiter-like planet orbits a star that was born in another galaxy and later captured by our own Milky Way sometime between 6 billion and 9 billion years ago, researchers said. A side effect of the galactic cannibalism brought a faraway planet within astronomers' reach for the first time ever. [Illustration of the extragalactic planet]

"This is very exciting," said study co-author Rainer Klement of the Max-Planck-Institut für Astronomie (MPIA) in Heidelberg, Germany. "We have no ability to directly observe stars in foreign galaxies for planets and confirm them."

Stars currently residing in other galaxies are simply too far away, Klement added.

The find may also force astronomers to rethink their

ideas about planet formation and survival, researchers said, since it's the first planet ever discovered to be circling a star that is both very old and extremely metal-poor. Metal-poor stars are lacking in typically lack elements heavier than hydrogen and helium.

The newfound planet, called HIP 13044b, survived through its star's red-giant phase, which our own sun will enter in about 5 billion years. So studying it could offer clues about the fate of our solar system as well, researchers said.

HIP 13044b sits extremely close to its parent star, which has now contracted again. The planet completes an orbit every 16.2 days, and it comes within about 5 million miles (8 million kilometers) of its parent star at closest approach just 5.5 percent of the distance between Earth and the sun.

Searching for telltale tugs The newly discovered alien planet is at least 25 percent

more massive than Jupiter, researchers said. It orbits the star HIP 13044 about 2,000 light-years from Earth in the constellation Fornax.

HIP 13044 is about as massive as the sun, and it is nearing the end of its life. The star has already gone through its red giant phase when sun-like stars bloat enormously after exhausting the hydrogen fuel in their cores.

The star is also composed almost entirely of hydrogen and helium. It is less than only 1 percent as metal-rich as our sun, making it the most metal-poor star known to host a planet, researchers said.

The research team scrutinized HIP 13044's movement using a telescope at the European Southern Observatory's La Silla Observatory in Chile. After six months of observing, they detected tiny movements that betrayed the gravitational tug of an orbiting planet.

"For me, it was a big surprise," said study lead author Johny Setiawan, also of MPIA. "I was not expecting it in the beginning."

Setiawan, Klement and their colleagues report their results online in the Nov. 18 issue of Science.

An extragalactic origin Last year, another research team announced it may have detected a planet in the Andromeda galaxy. However, that faraway find will be nearly impossible to confirm. The astronomers performing

that previous study used a method called gravitational microlensing, which only works when a planet-hosting star happens to line up with another star. Such events happen very rarely.

HIP 13044, on the other hand, belongs to the Helmi stream of stars that were once part of a nearby dwarf galaxy. Astronomers believe our own Milky Way gobbled up the Helmi stream between 6 billion to 9 billion years ago. While it's technically possible that the planet was born in the Milky Way and then stripped from its parent star by the interloping HIP 13044, the odds of that happening are minuscule, researchers said.

So HIP 13044 almost certainly has an extragalactic origin.

"We can be pretty sure about that," Klement told SPACE.com. "Stellar encounters in the Milky Way essentially don't occur. The chance that the star captured the planet from another star by an encounter is very, very unlikely."

Rethinking theories of planet formation

Most of the nearly 500 alien planets discovered so far orbit metal-rich stars, researchers said. And a metal-rich star is fundamental to the dominant theory explaining how giant planets form the core-accretion model.

This model posits that dust and gas particles circling a young star cling together and gradually become larger,

forming rocks, boulders and eventually the stony cores of giant, gassy planets like HIP 13044b.

Because its parent star is so metal-poor, HIP 13044b may have formed in a different way, researchers said. The planet may have arisen via the gravitational attraction between gas molecules, through a process termed the disk-instability model. So it may not have a rocky core at all.

"You are able to form pure gas planets by this method," Klement said.

The fact that such a metal-poor star can host planets should inspire astronomers to look at other stars like it, Klement added.

Astronomers haven't examined many up to this point, so they don't have a good handle on how frequently planets might pop up around low-metal stars.

The discovery also hints that planets may have studded the cosmos from the universe's early days back when pretty much all stars were metal-poor.

"You can think of the very first stars in the universe, or the second or third generation of stars," Klement said. "Could they already have been able to form planets? That's a very fascinating question."

Vision of our solar system's fate?

Our own sun is on the same stellar-evolution track as HIP 13044; scientists predict it will bloat into a red giant in 5 billion years or so. So astronomers may be able to learn something about the fate of our solar system by studying HIP 13044b and its parent star, researchers said.

That fate would not be pretty for Earth. HIP 13044b likely once orbited much farther away from its star but spiraled closer and closer during the red giant phase due to friction with the swollen star's envelope, researchers said. Any more interior planets would have been destroyed during this process.

When our own sun enters its red giant phase, Earth will likely get cooked. ☐

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# Dominicana restringe control migratorio desde Haití tras cólera

SANTODOMINGO(Reuters) - República Dominicana restringió el control migratorio en su frontera con Haití en un esfuerzo por evitar la propagación del cólera, enfermedad que ha causado más de 1.000 muertos y miles de afectados en el país vecino, informaron el jueves autoridades.

El Gobierno del presidente Leonel Fernández ordenó impedir el paso a haitianos que regresen a República Dominicana tras visitar su país y suspendió temporalmente la contratación de nueva mano de obra haitiana, para lo cual reforzó la vigilancia militar en la frontera, de unos 400 kilómetros de extensión.

“No se trata de un cierre de frontera, pero sí de establecer controles que eviten ese permanente trafico irregular que se genera en ocasiones a fin de nosotros poder garantizar la implementación efectiva de los controles sanitarios que se han dispuestos”, dijo el vicealmirante Sigfrido Pared Pérez, director general de Migración.

La medida está acompañada de controles sanitarios estrictos y de la suspensión del activo comercio informal fronterizo adoptados luego de que fuera detectado el primer caso de cólera en el haitiano Wilmo Lauref, de 32 años, luego de viajar en octubre de vacaciones a su país.

Cuando retornó el pasado 12 de noviembre presentó síntomas de la enfermedad y desde entonces está aislado en un centro hospitalario de la ciudad de Higüey, a 147 kilómetros al este de Santo Domingo.

Fuentes médicas informaron que el haitiano está fuera de peligro, que su condición de salud ha mejorado y que las evacuaciones diarreicas han mermados, por lo que podría ser dado de alta en cuatro o cinco días.

La restricción de los mercados binacionales que se celebran semanalmente en las poblaciones fronterizas afecta a cientos de productores dominicanos, especialmente de huevos y pollos.



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Haití y República Dominicana mantienen un comercio informal que envuelve anualmente unos 600 millones de dólares, según estadísticas del Centro de Inversión y Exportación de la República Dominicana (CEI-RD).

En República Dominicana residen cerca de un millón de haitianos, según estadísticas no oficiales, que se concentran mayormente en la industria azucarera y de la construcción,

así como en labores agrícolas. El ministro de Salud, Bautista Rojas Gómez, pidió a la población no alarmarse y observar las recomendaciones de higiene personal y control sanitario.

En los puestos de control fronterizo las autoridades dispusieron que los zapatos de viajeros y las gomas de los vehículos sean rociadas con un material bacteriológico

para desinfectar cualquier posible agente contaminante que provoque el paso de la enfermedad, dijo Rojas Gómez.

Haití, el Estado más pobre del hemisferio occidental, lucha por reponerse de la epidemia mientras lleva adelante la reconstrucción tras el devastador terremoto de enero que causó más de 250.000 muertos y dejó a 1,5 millones sin hogar. □

## Gobiernocubanolanzacampañaparadefenderreformaseconómicas



**Imagen de archivo de una esquina en La Habana. Oct 26 2010 El Gobierno cubano lanzó una campaña para promover sus reformas económicas, intentando animar a la población y a los dirigentes con miras a un Congreso del Partido Comunista que deberá aprobar las medidas en abril. REUTERS/Desmond Boylan/ARCHIVO**

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los dirigentes con miras a un Congreso del Partido Comunista que deberá aprobar las medidas en abril.

El mensaje que el Gobierno está

enviando a través de periódicos, radios y la televisora estatal es que los cambios son necesarios para mejorar la economía y asegurar la continuidad del socialismo una vez que desaparezcan sus líderes históricos.

La discusión de las propuestas de reformas es considerada un gran ejercicio de democracia. “En este proceso quien decide es el pueblo”, dijo en un titular Granma, diario del gobernante Partido Comunista. “La Revolución saldrá fortalecida”, señalaba otro titular.

Granma publica desde hace días en su portada pronunciamientos del presidente Raúl Castro sobre la economía y las páginas interiores incluyen artículos con entusiastas testimonios. La cobertura es similar en la radio y la televisión.

“Este proceso es muy oportuno y muy necesario, porque son tiempos nuevos y en ellos debemos mejorar nuestro modelo económico social”, dijo un cubano citado en Juventud Rebelde.

“Vamos a analizar (las propuestas)

con la seguridad de que marcará un momento trascendental para el futuro”, señaló otro testimonio.

Los cambios que el Gobierno está promocionando están contenidos en un denso documento de 32 páginas titulado “Proyecto de Lineamientos de la Política Económica y Social” revelado la semana pasada por Castro con propuestas para fortalecer la frágil economía cubana.

Algunas de las propuestas ya están siendo aplicadas, pero todas deberán ser aprobadas en abril del 2011 en el Congreso del Partido Comunista, el primero desde 1997.

El Congreso, que ha sido postergado varias veces en los últimos años, será precedido por un período de debate público en el cual los cubanos podrán expresar sus opiniones. “Como ha sucedido en muchas ocasiones anteriores, una vez más el pueblo será el gran protagonista (...) una muestra más de nuestra genuina democracia socialista”, dijo un militante comunista en Granma. □



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